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37th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, February 22, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, February 22, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and (2).

Member(s) of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Raymond Bonin, Bonnie Brown, Yvon Charbonneau, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Stephen Owen, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member(s) present: Larry Bagnall for Carolyn Parrish and Marlene Catterall for Stan Dromisky.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller-Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 106 (1) and 106 (2), the Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair.

On motion of Raymond Bonin, it was agreed, -- That Bonnie Brown do take the chair of the Committee as Chair.

Accordingly, Bonnie Brown was declared duly elected Chair of the Committee and took the chair.

On motion of Yvon Charbonneau, it was agreed -- that Judy Sgro be elected Government Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Diane Ablonczy, it was agreed -- that Rob Merrifield be elected Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

At 9:17 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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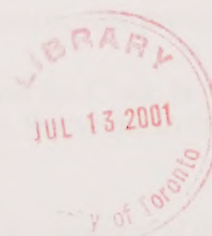
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Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, February 27, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of matters relating to the future business of the Committee





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Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, February 27, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, André Bachand, Raymond Bonin, Bonnie Brown, Yvon Charbonneau, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Stephen Owen, Carolyn Parrish, Judy Sgro.

Acting Member(s) present: Steve Mahoney for Jeannot Castonguay, Andy Savoy for Hélène Scherrer

In Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller-Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(1), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters relating to the future business of the Committee.

On motion of Stan Dromisky, it was agreed, -- That the Committee retain the services of one or more Research Officer(s) from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Andy Savoy, it was agreed, -- That, as established by the Board of Internal Economy and if requested, reasonable travelling, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses invited to appear before the Committee, up to a maximum of two (2) representatives for any one organization.

And

That payment for more than two (2) representatives in exceptional circumstances be at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Judy Sgro, it was agreed, -- That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings in order to receive evidence from witnesses when a quorum is not present, provided that three members be present and provided that at least one member of the opposition be present with the provision that, in the absence of either government or opposition members, the Chair be authorized to call the meeting to order no sooner than 15 minutes after the time indicated on the notice as long as three members are present.

On motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, -- That the Committee authorize the Chair, in consultation with the Clerk, to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals, from time to time, and that the cost of these meals be charged to the Committee's budget.

On motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, -- That the Clerk circulate to all Members of the Committee

Order-in-Council appointments referred to the Standing Committee on Health.

On motion of André Bachand, it was agreed, -- That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute documents received from the public only once they have been translated into both official languages.

On motion of Judy Sgro, it was agreed, -- That one transcript of all Committee meetings held *in camera* be produced to be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation.

On motion of Raymond Bonin, it was agreed, -- That unless there is unanimous consent, forty-eight (48) hours written notice must be given to the members of the Committee before any new item of business is considered by the Committee; provided that a notice given during a regular meeting be deemed to fall within the 48 hours. Notice given on a Friday shall be deemed to have been given the following Monday.

On motion of Raymond Bonin, seconded by Réal Ménard, it was agreed, -- That Departmental Officials of Health Canada be invited to appear before the Committee on Tuesday, March 13, 2001 to provide the Committee with a general overview of the mandate and activities of the department, and to respond to questions submitted in writing to the Clerk of the Committee on or before Friday, March 2, 2001.

At 11:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Information session on Health Canada

WITNESSES:

Health Canada:

Patrick Borbey, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch;

Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch;

Ian Green, Deputy Minister;

Robert Lafleur, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch;

Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch.

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Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Ray Bonin, Diane Bourgeois, Bonnie Brown, Yvon Charbonneau, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Health: Ian C. Green, Deputy Minister; Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch; Patrick Borbey, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Robert S. Lafleur, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch; Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch.

In accordance with the Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(2), information session on Health Canada

Ian C. Green made an opening statement and answered questions.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 4

Thursday, March 15, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Information session on Health Canada

WITNESSES:

Health Canada:

Frank Fedyk, Acting Director, Canada Health Act Division, Intergovernmental Affairs
Directorate, Policy and Consultation Branch;

Claire Franklin, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency;

Denis Gauthier, Assistant Deputy Minister, Information, Analysis and Connectivity Branch;

Robert S. Lafleur, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch;

Robert McMurtry, Assistant Deputy Minister, Population and Public Health Branch;

Dan Michols, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety
Branch.

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Meeting No. 4

Thursday, March 15, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Bonnie Brown, Yvon Charbonneau, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

Other Member present: Claude Duplain.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Health: Robert S. Lafleur, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch; Dann Michols, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Robert McMurty, Assistant Deputy Minister, Population and Public Health Branch; Claire Franklin, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency; Denis Gauthier, Assistant Deputy Minister, Information, Analysis and Connectivity Branch; Frank Fedyk, Acting Director General, Health Policy and Communications Branch; Paul Glover, Director General, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

In accordance with the Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(2), information session on Health Canada.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk(s) of the Committee

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Meeting No. 5

Thursday, March 22, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of matters relating to its future business

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Meeting No. 5

Thursday, March 22, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Yvon Charbonneau, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Stephen Owen, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Carole-Marie Allard for Ray Bonin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 108(1) and (2), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters relating to its future business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the requirement for 48 hours' notice before consideration of any substantive motion be waived to permit consideration of a motion by Mr. Charbonneau.

Yvon Charbonneau moved, - That the Committee schedule an appearance by officials from the Auditor General's Office on March 27, 2001; hearings with respect to regulations prohibiting donations of blood by homosexual persons on March 29 and April 3, 2001; a hearing with respect to food safety and possible risks to human health arising therefrom on March 28 or April 4, 2001; an appearance, on April 5, 2001, by officials from Health Canada for consideration of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was, by a show of hands, agreed to: YEAS: 8; NAYS: 2.

At 12:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Reports of the Auditor General of Canada to the House of Commons as follows: Chapters 15, 24, to 28, 2000; Chapters 14, 15 and 29, 1999; Chapter 17 1998; Chapter 13, 1997

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Maria Barrados, Assistant Auditor General of Canada;

Ronnie Campbell, Principal, Audit Operations Branch;

Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General, Audit Operations Branch.

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Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Ray Bonin, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Yvon Charbonneau, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Stephen Owen, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research officers.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Maria Barrados, Assistant Auditor General; Ronnie Campbell, Principal, Audit Operations Branch; Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General, Audit Operations Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of Reports of the Auditor General of Canada to the House of Commons as follows: Chapters 15, 24 to 28, 2000; Chapters 14, 15 and 29, 1999; Chapter 17, 1998; Chapter 13, 1997.

Maria Barrados made an opening statement, and, along with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 7

Thursday, March 29, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Examination of the relation of certain donor exclusion policies to the safety of the Canadian Blood Supply

WITNESSES:

Canadian AIDS Society:

Douglas Elliott, Legal Counsel;

Brian Huskins, Representative.

Canadian Hemophilia Society:

John Plater, Member, Board of Directors.

"Coalition des organismes communautaires québécois de lutte contre le sida":

Roger Leclerc, Director General.

"Égalité pour les gais et lesbiennes (ÉGALE)":

Ron Chaplin, Chair, Political Action Committee;

John Fisher, Director General.

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“Table de concertation des gais et lesbiennes du Québec”:

Laurent McCutcheon, Vice-President, Political Action;

Pierre Valois, President.



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Meeting No. 7

Thursday, March 29, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:17 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Yvon Charbonneau, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian AIDS Society: Brian Huskins, Representative; Douglas Elliott, Legal Counsel. *From the "Coalition des organismes communautaires québécois de lutte contre le sida":* Roger Leclerc, Executive Director. *From the "Table de concertation des gais et lesbiennes du Québec":* Pierre Valois, President; Laurent McCutcheon, Vice-President for Political Action. *From the Canadian Hemophilia Society:* John Plater, Member of the Board of Directors. *From EGALE (Equality for Gays and Lesbians Everywhere):* John Fisher, Executive Director; Ron Chaplin, Chairman, Political Action Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its examination of the relation of certain donor exclusion policies to the safety of the Canadian Blood Supply.

Douglas Elliott made a statement and, with Brian Huskins, answered questions.

Roger Leclerc made a statement and answered questions.

Laurent McCutcheon made a statement and, with Pierre Valois, answered questions.

John Plater made a statement and answered questions.

John Fisher made a statement and, together with Ron Chaplin, answered questions.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Examination of the relation of certain donor exclusion policies to the safety of the Canadian Blood Supply

WITNESSES:

Canadian Blood Services:

Lynda Cranston, Chief Executive Officer;

Graham Sher, Doctor and Vice-President, Medical, Scientific and Clinical Management.

Health Canada:

Peter Ganz, Doctor and Manager, Blood and Tissues Division;

Farid G. Hindieh, Doctor and Acting Head, Blood Components Section, Blood and Tissues Division;

Donald Sutherland, Doctor and Director, Bureau of HIV / AIDS, STD & TB, Centre for Infectious Disease Prevention and Control.

"Héma-Québec":

Marc Germain, Doctor.



Roche Diagnostics:

Alan Lane, Doctor and Head, Clinical and Regulatory Affairs;

Eric Maurier, Manager, PCR Technology.

University of Ottawa:

Bill Cameron, Doctor and Professor of Medicine, Specialist in Infectious Diseases and HIV;

Don Kilby, Doctor and Director, Health Services.

University of Toronto:

Robert Remis, Doctor and Associate Professor (Epidemiological Consultant to the Canadian Red Cross 1988-1996), Department of Public Health Sciences.



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Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Yvon Charbonneau, Stan Dromisky, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Stephen Owen, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Health: Dr. Donald Sutherland, Director, Bureau of HIV/AIDS, STD & TB, Center for Infectious Disease Prevention and Control; Farid G. Hindieh, M.D., Acting Head, Blood Components Section, Blood and Tissues Division; Dr. Peter Ganz, Manager, Blood and Tissues Division. *From Canadian Blood Services:* Dr. Graham Sher, Vice-President, Medical, Scientific and Clinical Management; Lynda Cranston, Chief Executive Officer. *From "Héma Québec":* Mr. Marc Germain. *From the University of Toronto:* Dr. Robert Remis, Associate Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences. *From the University of Ottawa:* Dr. Bill Cameron, Professor of Medicine, Specialist in Infectious Diseases and HIV; Dr. Don Kilby, Director of Health Services. *From Roche Diagnostics:* Eric Maurier, Manager, P.C.R. Technology; Dr. Alan Lane, Head of Clinical and Regulatory Affairs.

The Committee resumed its examination of the relation of certain donor exclusion policies to the safety of the Canadian Blood Supply. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, March 29, 2001.)

Dr. Bill Cameron made a statement and answered questions.

Dr. Donald Sutherland made a statement and answered questions.

Dr. Farid G. Hindieh made a statement and, with Dr. Peter Ganz, answered questions.

Lynda Cranston made a statement and, with Dr. Graham Sher, answered questions.

Dr. Robert Remis made a statement and answered questions.

Dr. Don Kilby made a statement and answered questions.

Eric Maurier and Dr. Alan Lane answered questions.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Information session on food safety and on Canadian Food Inspection Agency

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Peter Brackenridge, Vice-President, Programs;

André Gravel, Executive Vice-President.

Health Canada:

Marc LeMaguer, Director General, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.





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Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Yvon Charbonneau, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Howard Hilstrom for Diane Ablonczy

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Witnesses: From Health Canada: Dr. Marc LeMaguer, Director General, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Dr. Karen Dodds, Director General, Office of Biotechnology and Science, Health Products and Food Branch. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Dr. André Gravel, Executive Vice-President; Peter Brackenridge, Vice-President, Programs; Bart Bilmer, Director, Office of Biotechnology.

In accordance with the Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(2), information session on food safety and on the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Dr. Marc LeMaguer and Dr. André Gravel made opening statements, and, along with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, April 5, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Information session on the Plans and Priorities section of the 2001—2002 Main Estimates

WITNESSES:

Health Canada:

Robert Lafleur, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch;

Orvel Marquardt, Director General, Departmental Planning and Financial Administration
Directorate, Corporate Services Branch;

Dann Michols, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety
Branch;

Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch;

Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, April 5, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 12:07 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Yvon Charbonneau, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Carolyn Parrish, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

Acting Members present: John O'Reilly for Stan Dromisky, David Price for Stephen Owen.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Witnesses: From Health Canada: Robert Lafleur, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch; Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch; Dann Michols, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environment & Consumer Safety Branch; Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Orvel Marquardt, Director General, Departmental Financial Planning and Administration Directorate, Corporate Services Branch.

In accordance with the Committee's mandate under the Standing Order 108(2), information session on the "Plans and Priorities" section of the 2001 - 2002 Estimates.

Ian Shugart and Robert Lafleur made opening statements, and, along with the other witnesses, answered questions.

John O'Reilly moved, - That the Standing Committee on Health be granted an operational budget in the amount of \$37,900.00 for the budget period of April 1 to June 30, 2001 (fiscal year 2001 - 2002).

The question was put on the motion and it was, by show of hands, agreed to: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 0

It was agreed, - That the witnesses presently before the Committee be invited to return at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2001, to continue to respond to questions on the "Plans & Priorities", that the Committee commence consideration of the Main Estimates 2001 - 2002 on Thursday, April 26, 2001, and that the Minister of Health be invited to appear before the Committee in that regard at 11:00 a.m. on that date.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Information session on the Plans and Priorities section of the 2001—2002 Main Estimates

WITNESSES:

Health Canada:

Patrick Borbey, Delegated Assistant Deputy Minister, Directorate of First Nations and Inuit Health;

Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch;

Robert S. Lafleur, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch;

Orvel Marquardt, Director General, Departmental Financial Planning and Administration Directorate, Corporate Services Branch;

Robert McMurtry, Assistant Deputy Minister, Population and Public Health Branch;

Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch.



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Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Yvon Charbonneau, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Stephen Owen, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Witnesses: From Health Canada: Robert Lafleur, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch; Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch; Dr. Robert McMurtry, Assistant Deputy Minister, Population and Public Health Branch; Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Patrick Borbey, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Orvel Marquardt, Director General, Departmental Financial Planning and Administration Directorate, Corporate Services Branch.

The Committee resumed its information session on the "Plans and Priorities" section of the 2001 - 2002 Main Estimates (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, April 5, 2001, Meeting No. 10).

Ian Shugart made a statement, and, along with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

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Meeting No. 12

Thursday, April 26, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bachand, Diane Bourgeois, Bonnie Brown, Yvon Charbonneau, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Stephen Owen, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Gérard Binet for Jeannot Castonguay

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Appearing: From Health Canada: The Honourable Allan Rock, Minister of Health.

Witness: From Health Canada: Ian C. Green, Deputy Minister.

The Order of Reference dated February 27, 2001, was read as follows:

ORDERED: - That the main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, laid upon the table on February 27, 2001, be referred to the several Standing Committees of the House as follows:

(9) to the Standing Committee on Health

-- Health, Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25.

The Minister made a statement and, with Ian Green, answered questions.

The Chair called Vote 1 less the amount of \$422,674,780.67 voted in interim supply.

Vote 1 less the amount voted in interim supply carried.

The Chair called Vote 5 less the amount of \$397,761,250 voted in interim supply.

Vote 5 less the amount voted in interim supply carried.

The Chair called Vote 10 less the amount of \$4,937,000 voted in interim supply.

Vote 10 less the amount voted in interim supply carried.

The Chair called Vote 15 less the amount of \$102,221,250 voted in interim supply.

Vote 15 less the amount voted in interim supply carried.

The Chair called Vote 20 less the amount of \$621,250 voted in interim supply.

Vote 20 less the amount voted in interim supply carried.

The Chair called Vote 25 less the amount of \$904,250 voted in interim supply.

Vote 25 less the amount voted in interim supply carried.

ORDERED: -That the Chair report Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 under HEALTH to the House.

It was agreed that the Committee shall not meet on Tuesday, May 1, 2001.

It was agreed that the Chair, in consultation with the Clerk, shall determine the Committee's Order of Business for its meeting of Thursday, May 3, 2001.

At 12:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 13

Thursday, May 3, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Minister's request to undertake a study and report on the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction tabled this day in the House of Commons

APPEARING:

Hon. Allan Rock, Minister of Health





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Meeting No. 13

Thursday, May 3, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Ray Bonin, Diane Bourgeois, Bonnie Brown, Yvon Charbonneau, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Stephen Owen, Carolyn Parrish, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro.

Acting Members present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy, Wendy Lill for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Appearing: From Health Canada: The Honourable Allan Rock, Minister of Health.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met to consider the request of the Minister that it undertake to study and report on the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction tabled this day in the House of Commons.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

Stan Dromisky moved, -- That the Committee thank the Minister for allowing it to participate in the formative, creative stages of this bill; That the Committee assure the Minister that it wholeheartedly accepts this challenge; and, That the Committee's research staff be instructed to prepare a tentative workplan as soon as possible.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 12:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 11:21 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Raymond Bonin, Jeannot Castonguay, Yvon Charbonneau, Stan Dromisky, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Stephen Owen, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro.

Acting Members present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy, Grant Hill for James Lunney, Paddy Torsney for Carolyn Parrish.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(1), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters relating to the future business of the Committee.

It was agreed - That the Committee accept the workplan submitted by its researchers with the understanding that it may also elect to consider subject matter not included in the workplan.

It was agreed - That members shall submit lists of witnesses to the clerk on or before Friday, May 18, 2001.

It was agreed - That the Committee will meet again, *in camera*, prior to the summer recess, to return to the planning of its future business.

At 12:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 15

Thursday, May 10, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice Canada:

Glenn Rivard, Counsel, Legal Services.

Health Canada:

Rhonda Ferderber, Director, Special Projects Division, Policy, Planning and Priorities
Directorate, Health Policy and Communications Branch;

Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch,
Special Projects Division;

Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch.





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Meeting No. 15

Thursday, May 10, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Raymond Bonin, Yvon Charbonneau, Stan Dromisky, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Stephen Owen, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Witnesses: From Health Canada: Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch; Rhonda Ferderber, Director, Special Projects Division, Policy, Planning and Priorities Directorate, Health Policy and Communications Branch; Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch, Special Projects Division. *From Justice Canada:* Glenn Rivard, Counsel, Legal Services.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13.)

Ian Shugart made a statement, and, together with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

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Meeting No. 16

Thursday, May 17, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction

WITNESSES:

Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society:

Roger Gosden, Doctor, Member, Government Relations Committee;

Arthur Leader, Doctor, Chairman, Government Relations Committee.

Fertility Centre, Ottawa:

Marie-Claude Léveillé, Director, Clinic Laboratory.





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Meeting No. 16

Thursday, May 17, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:16 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Acting Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stan Dromisky, Raymond Bonin, Jeannot Castonguay, Réal Ménard, Stephen Owen, Hélène Scherrer.

Acting Members present: Preston Manning for James Lunney; Karen Kraft-Sloan for Bonnie Brown; Aileen Carroll for Yvon Charbonneau; Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Witnesses: From The Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society: Dr. Arthur Leader, Chief of the Division of Reproductive Medicine, University of Ottawa, Chairman of the Government Relations Committee, CFAS; Dr. Roger Gosden, Research Director, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, McGill University, Member of the Government Relations Committee, CFAS; Dr. Marie-Claude Léveillé, Director, Clinical Laboratory, The Fertility Centre, Ottawa ON.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, May 29, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction

WITNESSES:

Health Canada Advisory Committee on the Interim Moratorium on Reproductive Technologies:

Madeline Boscoe, Executive Coordinator of the Canadian Women's Health Network,
Winnipeg, Manitoba;

Jeffrey Nisker, Doctor, Professor of obstetrics and gynaecology in the Faculty of Medicine,
University of Western Ontario.





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Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, May 29, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Raymond Bonin, Jeannot Castonguay, Yvon Charbonneau, Stan Dromisky, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Stephen Owen, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Witnesses: From the Health Canada Advisory Committee on the Interim Moratorium on Reproductive Technologies: Dr. Jeffrey Nisker, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Coordinator of Bioethics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Western Ontario, London; Madeline Boscoe, Executive Coordinator, The Canadian Women's Health Network, Women's Health Clinic, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 18

Thursday, May 31, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction

WITNESSES:

Dalhousie University:

Françoise Baylis, Associate Professor, Department of Bioethics, Dalhousie Medical School.

McGill University:

Margaret Somerville, Acting Director, McGill Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law.

University of Alberta:

Laura Shanner, Associate Professor, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and Department of Public Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine.





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Meeting No. 18

Thursday, May 31, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Raymond Bonin, Jeannot Castonguay, Yvon Charbonneau, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Witnesses: From Dalhousie University, Dalhousie Medical School: Françoise Baylis, Associate Professor, Department of Bioethics. *From the University of Alberta, John Dossetor Bioethics Centre:* Laura Shanner, Associate Professor, Population Health. *From the McGill University, Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law:* Dr. Margaret Somerville, Acting Director.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*)

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

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Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction

WITNESS:

University of British Columbia:

Patricia Baird, Chair of the Royal Commission on Reproductive and Genetic Technologies
(1989-1993); Professor and Chair of the Department of Medical Genetics.





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Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:45 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Raymond Bonin, Jeannot Castonguay, Yvon Charbonneau, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Witness: From the Royal Commission on Reproductive and Genetic Technologies (1989 - 1993): Dr. Patricia Baird, Chair of the Royal Commission; Professor and Chair of the Department of Medical Genetics, University of British Columbia.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*)

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 20

Thursday, June 7, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction

WITNESSES:

Canadian Council of Muslim Women:

Farhat Rehman, President, Ottawa Chapter.

Catholic Organization for Life and Family:

Jennifer Leddy, Co-Director.

Evangelical Fellowship of Canada:

Bruce Clemenger, Director, Centre for Faith and Public Life.

St. Augustine's Seminary:

Bridget Campion, Assistant Professor of Moral Theology.

Temple Anshe Sholom:

Irwin A. Zeplowitz, Rabbi.

Tengye Ling Tibetan Buddhist Temple:

Tenzin Kalsang, Venerable, Spiritual Director.





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Meeting No. 20

Thursday, June 7, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:38 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Raymond Bonin, Jeannot Castonguay, Yvon Charbonneau, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro.

Acting Member present: Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Witnesses: From Tengye Ling Tibetan Buddhist Temple, Toronto: Ven. Tenzin Kalsang, Spiritual Director. *From the Canadian Council of Muslim Women:* Farhat Rehman, President, Ottawa Chapter. *From The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada:* Bruce Clemenger, Director, Centre for Faith and Public Life. *From Temple Anshe Sholom, Hamilton:* Irwin A Zeplovitz. *From the Catholic Organization for Life and Family:* Jennifer Leddy, Co-Director; Dr. Bridget Campion, Assistant Professor of Moral Theology, St-Augustine's Seminary, Toronto.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*)

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No 21

Tuesday, June 12, 2001

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Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, June 12, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 11:16 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Ray Bonin, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Yvon Charbonneau, James Lunney, R  al M  nard, Rob Merrifield, Stephen Owen, H  l  ne Scherrer and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of a draft report to the House on its recent study in relation to the safety of the Canadian blood supply.

It was agreed, - That the Committee examine the text of a draft report prepared by its research officers.

It was agreed, - That a decision as to the tabling of a report on donor exclusion and the safety of the Canadian blood supply be delayed until after the summer recess.

It was agreed, - That the draft report be modified by the Committee's researchers to reflect the concerns expressed by members at today's meeting, and that the Committee meet again to consider the revised draft at the call of the Chair.

At 1:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, September 18, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice Canada:

Glenn Rivard, Counsel, Legal Services.

Health Canada:

Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch,
Special Projects Division;

Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch.





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Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, September 18, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, André Bachand, Ray Bonin, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Yvon Charbonneau, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Carolyn Parrish, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois.

Other Member present: Preston Manning.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Witnesses: From Health Canada: Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch; Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch, Special Projects Division. *From Justice Canada:* Glenn Rivard, Counsel, Legal Services.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*).

Ian Shugart and Glenn Rivard made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction

WITNESSES:

Canadian Multi-disciplinary Assisted Reproduction Coalition:

Sherry Levitan, Lawyer;

Joanne Wright.

Health Canada Advisory Committee on the Interim Moratorium on Reproductive Technologies:

Phyllis Creighton, Member.

University of Calgary:

Juliet Guichon, Professor of Bioethics.





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Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bachand, Ray Bonin, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Yvon Charbonneau, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Carolyn Parrish, Hélène Scherrer and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy, Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois, Murray Calder for Judy Sgro and John Finlay for Stephen Owen.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: François Côté, Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers; Monique Hébert, Law and Government division.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Multi-disciplinary Assisted Reproduction Coalition: Sherry Levitan, Lawyer; Joanne Wright, Canadian Surrogacy Options. *From the University of Calgary:* Juliet Guichon, Instructor in Bioethics. *From the Health Canada Advisory Committee on the Interim Moratorium on Reproductive Technologies:* Phyllis Creighton, Member.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (See *Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*).

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

Robert Merrifield moved, - That the committee recommend that the government take immediate action to ban human reproductive cloning in Canada.

Pauline Picard moved, - That the motion be amended by the addition of the words "*by passing Bill C-336 for this purpose, as rapidly as possible.*"

Debate arose thereon.

A point of order was raised as to the procedural acceptability of the proposed motion.

The Chair then ruled that the motion was in order.

The question was put on the amendment and it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

James Lunney

Preston Manning
Réal Ménard
Robert Merrifield
Pauline Picard
Judy Wasylycia-Leis : -- 6

NAYS:

Raymond Bonin
Murray Calder
Yvon Charbonneau
Stan Dromisky
John Finlay
Carolyn Parrish
Hélène Scherrer: -- 7

Stan Dromisky proposed to move, - That debate on the main motion be deferred until a later date.

A point of order was raised as to the procedural acceptability of the proposed motion.

The Chair reserved her decision.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 24

Wednesday, September 26, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice Canada:

Glenn Rivard, Counsel, Legal Services.

Health Canada:

Rhonda Ferderber, Director, Special Projects Division, Policy, Planning and Priorities
Directorate, Health Policy and Communications Branch;

Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch,
Special Projects Division.





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Meeting No. 24

Wednesday, September 26, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bachand, Ray Bonin, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Yvon Charbonneau, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Carolyn Parrish, MS Hélène Scherrer and Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Ivan Grose for Judy Sgro, Ovid Jackson for Stephen Owen, Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy and Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: François Côté, Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris, research officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Health: Rhonda Ferderber, Director, Special Projects Division, Policy, Planning and Priorities Directorate, Health Policy and Communications Branch; Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch, Special Projects Division. *From the Department of Justice:* Glenn Rivard, Counsel, Legal Services.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*).

The committee resumed debate on the motion of Stan Dromisky, -- That the vote on the motion be deferred until another date.

The Chair ruled that the motion was in order.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Raymond Bonin
Jeannot Castonguay
Yvon Charbonneau
Stan Dromisky
Ivan Grose
Ovid Jackson
Carolyn Parrish
Hélène Scherrer – (8)

NAYS:

André Bachand
James Lunney
Preston Manning

Rob Merrifield
Pauline Picard
Judy Wasylycia-Leis – (6)

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 25

Thursday, September 27, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction

WITNESSES:

Canadian Institutes of Health Research:

Thérèse Leroux, Director of Ethics.

Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada:

Claredon Robicheau, President, Southwest Nova Scotia Chapter, and Member, National Board of Directors;

Yves Savoie, Executive Director.

Ottawa Health Research Institute:

Michael Rudnicki, Canada Research Chair in Molecular Genetics, Senior Scientist and Director, Molecular Medicine Program;

Ronald Worton, Chief Executive Officer and Director.

Parkinson Society Canada:

Mary Jardine, National Executive Director;

David Simmonds, Chair.





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Meeting No. 25

Thursday, September 27, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Yvon Charbonneau, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Real Menard, Rob Merrifield, Helene Scherrer, Judy Sgro and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: François Côté, Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Witnesses: From the Parkinson Society Canada: Mary Jardine, National Executive Director; David Simmonds, Chair. *From the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada:* Yves Savoie, National Executive Director; Claredon Robicheau, President, Southwest Nova Scotia Chapter, Member - National Board of Directors. *From the Ottawa Health Research Institute:* Ronald Worton, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Rudnicki, Canada Research Chair in Molecular Genetics, Senior Scientist & Director, Molecular Medicine Program. *From the Canadian Institutes of Health Research:* Dr. Thérèse Leroux, Director of Ethics.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*).

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Tuesday, October 2, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs





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Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, October 2, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and (2)

Member(s) of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, André Bachand, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Member(s) present: Mauril Bélanger for Reg Alcock

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(1) and (2), the Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair.

On motion of Yolande Thibeault, it was agreed, -- That Bonnie Brown do take the chair of the Committee as Chair.

Accordingly, Bonnie Brown was declared duly elected Chair of the Committee and took the chair.

On motion of Brenda Chamberlain, it was agreed – that Reg Alcock be elected Government Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Diane Ablonczy, it was agreed – that Rob Merrifield be elected Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

At 3:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk(s) of the Committee

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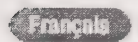
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ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the draft legislation on assisted human reproduction





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Meeting No. 27

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Member(s) present: Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*).

The Committee commenced review of a summary of evidence.

At 3:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk(s) of the Committee

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Meeting No. 28

Thursday, October 4, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice Canada:

Judy Hunter, Counsel, Legal Services.

Health Canada:

Rhonda Ferderber, Director, Special Projects Division, Policy, Planning and Priorities
Directorate, Health Policy and Communications Branch;

Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch,
Special Projects Division.





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Meeting No. 28

Thursday, October 4, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colleen Beaumier, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault

Acting Member(s) present: Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witness(es): From Health Canada: Rhonda Ferderber, Director, Special Projects Division, Policy, Planning and Priorities Directorate, Health Policy and Communications Branch; Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch, Special Projects Division. *From Justice Canada:* Judy Hunter, Counsel, Legal Services.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*).

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(1), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters relating to the future business of the Committee.

It was agreed, -- That the Committee adopt the proposed work plan prepared by its research staff, and that the said work plan be subject to further modification by the Committee.

It was agreed, -- That the proposed work plan be modified by the scheduling of a meeting to take place throughout the day on Monday, December 3, 2001, at which lunch will be served.

Judy Sgro moved, -- That the Committee form two subgroups, one of which will travel to eastern Canadian cities and the other to western Canadian cities during the week of October 28, 2001.

Debate arose thereupon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Hélène Scherrer moved, -- That the Committee's travel budget be adopted as amended.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 12:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, October 16, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction

WITNESSES:

Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation:

Paula Greco, Manager, Research and Development;

Gilles Lanteigne, Assistant Executive Director.

Health Canada:

Étienne Ouimette, Blood, Tissues and Organs Compliance Coordinator, Health Products
and Food Branch Inspectorate.

Society for the Policing of Cyberspace:

Earl Moulton, President; Chief Superintendent, Royal Canadian Mounted Police.





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Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, October 16, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colleen Beaumier, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witness(es): From the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation: Gilles Lanteigne, Assistant Executive Director; Paula Greco, Manager, Research and Development. *From Health Canada - Health Products and Food Branch Inspectorate:* Étienne Ouimette, Blood, Tissues and Organs Compliance Coordinator. *From the Royal Canadian Mounted Police & the- Society for the Policing of Cyberspace:* Earl Moulton, Chief Superintendent and President of the Society.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceeding dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*).

Gilles Lanteigne, Étienne Ouimette and Earl Moulton made statements and, together with Paula Greco, answered questions.

At 12:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 30

Wednesday, October 17, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Informal exchange of views on international health issues

WITNESSES:

World Health Organization:

Gro Harlem Brundtland, Doctor, Director General;

David Nabarro, Doctor, Executive Director.





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Meeting No. 30

Wednesday, October 17, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, André Bachand, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witness(es): From the World Health Organization: Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Director General; Dr. David Nabarro, Executive Director, Director General's Office.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to an informal exchange of views on international health issues.

Gro Harlem Brundtland made a statement and, together with David Nabarro, answered questions.

At 4:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 31

Thursday, October 18, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction

WITNESSES:

Advanced Cell Technology (Boston, MA):

Jose Cibelli, Vice-President, Research.

Health Law Institute:

Timothy Caulfield, Professor, University of Alberta .

Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute:

Janet Rossant, Principal Researcher, University of Toronto – Mount Sinai Hospital.





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Meeting No. 31

Thursday, October 18, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colleen Beaumier, Jeannot Castonguay, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: François Côté, Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witness(es): From the University of Alberta - Health Law Institute: Timothy Caulfield, Professor. *From the Advanced Cell Technology (Boston, MA):* Jose Cibelli, Vice President - Research. *From the University of Toronto - Mount Sinai Hospital - Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute:* Janet Rossant, Principal Researcher.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*).

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, October 23, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction

WITNESSES:

Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society:

Arthur Leader, Doctor and Chair, Government Relations Committee.

Canadian Medical Association:

Henry Haddad, Doctor and President.

Canadian Nurses Association:

Janet Storch, Ethics Scholar in Residence.

College of Family Physicians of Canada:

Richard MacLachlan, Doctor and Chair, Committee on Ethics.

Federation of Medical Licensing Authorities of Canada

Donald Chadsey, Doctor, Acting Registrar and Executive Director.



McGill University:

Eugene Bereza, Doctor and President, Biomedical Ethics Unit, Faculty of Medicine.

Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada:

André Lalonde, Doctor and Executive Vice-President.



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Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, October 23, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Reg Alcock, Colleen Beaumier, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member(s) present: Preston Manning for James Lunney, Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witness(es): From the Canadian Medical Association: Henry Haddad, M.D., President. *From the Canadian Nurses Association:* Janet Storch, Ph.D., Ethics Scholar in Residence. *From the College of Family Physicians of Canada:* Richard MacLachlan, M.D., Chair of the Committee on Ethics. *From the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada:* André Lalonde, M.D., Executive Vice Président. *From the Federation of Medical Licensing Authorities of Canada:* Donald Chadsey, M.D., Acting Registrar, Executive Director. *From the Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society:* Jacquetta Trasler, M.D., Ph.D., President; Arthur Leader, M.D., Chair of the Committee Government Relations. *From McGill University:* Eugene Bereza, M.D.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*).

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

Judy Sgro moved, -- That the Committee respond positively to the letter from the four ministers requesting that it study the labelling of genetically modified foods as soon as it has completed its current study.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to unanimously.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 33

Wednesday, October 24, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the draft legislation on assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

McGill University:

Patrick Healy, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law.

University of Toronto:

Bernard Dickens, Professor in Health, Law and Policy, Chair in Biomedical Ethics, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Medicine and the Joint Centre for Bioethics.

As Individual:

Alison Harvison Young.





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Meeting No. 33

Wednesday, October 24, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colleen Beaumier, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy, Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois.

Other Member present: Gérard Binet.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris, and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the University of Toronto: Bernard Dickens, Professor in Health Law and Policy, Chair in Biomedical Ethics, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Medicine, and the Joint Centre for Bioethics. *From Queens University:* Alison Harvison Young, Dean, Faculty of Law. *From McGill University:* Patrick Healy, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes or Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*).

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

James Lunney moved, -- That the Committee authorize the Clerk, in consultation with the researchers and subject to approval from the Chair, to prepare and promulgate a news release confirming the Committee's decision, in response to the request of Ministers Rock, Pettigrew, Tobin and Vancief, to study the issue of the labelling of genetically modified foods.

It was agreed, -- That the Clerk be authorized to investigate the possibility of a visit by the Committee to a local clinic utilizing reproductive technologies during the week of October 28, 2001.

At 5:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 34

Thursday, October 25, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canada's plans and preparations for a response to the threat of bioterrorism

APPEARING:

Hon. Allan Rock, Minister of Health





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Meeting No. 34

Thursday, October 25, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 9:21 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Diane Ablonczy, Reg Alcock, André Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Dan McTeague for Hélène Scherrer, Rose-Marie Ur for Stan Dromisky, Bob Wood for Jeannot Castonguay.

Other Members present: John Bryden, Marlene Catterall, Werner Schmidt.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Appearing: From the Health Canada: The Honourable Allan Rock, Minister of Health.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of Canada's plans and preparations for a response to the threat of bioterrorism.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:31 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 35

Thursday, October 25, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction

WITNESSES:

Alliance of People Produced by Assisted Reproductive Technology:

Barry Stevens.

Canadian Institute for Health Information:

Joan Roch, Privacy Secretariat.

Coalition for an Open Model of Assisted Reproduction:

Rona Achilles;

Catherine Clute.

New Reproductive Alternatives Society:

Olivia Pratten, Member; Member of the Alliance of People Produced by Assisted
Reproductive Technology;

Shirley Pratten, Founding Member.





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Meeting No. 35

Thursday, October 25, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Reg Alcock, Colleen Beaumier, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois, Bob Speller for Stan Dromisky.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witness(es): From the Canadian Institute for Health Information: John Millar, Vice-President, Research and Population; Joan Rock, Privacy Secretariat. *From the New Reproductive Alternatives Society:* Shirley Pratten, Founding Member; Olivia Pratten. *From the Coalition for an Open Model in Assisted Reproduction:* Catherine Clute; Rona Achilles. *As an Individual:* Barry Stevens.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*).

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Tuesday, October 30, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the draft legislation on assisted human reproduction





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Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, October 30, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Reg Alcock, André Bachand, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Members present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy; Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois; Paddy Torsney for Colleen Beaumier; Bob Wood for Hélène Scherrer.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*).

Réal Ménard moved, -- That the Committee invited the Bayer and Apotex companies to appear before it on the matter of the stockpiling of Cipro by Health Canada.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That the motion be amended by inserting the words "and witnesses from Health Canada" into the original motion after the words "the Bayer and Apotex companies."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6

After further debate, the question being put on the main motion, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

André Bachand
James Lunney
Preston Manning
Réal Ménard
Rob Merrifield
Pauline Picard: -- 6

NAYS:

Reg Alcock
Jeannot Castonguay
Stan Dromisky
Judy Sgro
Yolande Thibeault
Paddy Torsney

Bob Wood: —7

At 11:52 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to review a summary of evidence prepared by its researchers.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 37

Wednesday, October 31, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the draft legislation on assisted human reproduction

WITNESS:

Canadian Institutes of Health Research:

Alan Bernstein, President.





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Meeting No. 37

Wednesday, October 31, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:43 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Reg Alcock, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Member(s) present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy, Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witness: From the Canadian Institutes of Health Research: Allan Bernstein, PhD, FRSC, President.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*).

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:47 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in Camera*.

At 6:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, November 6, 2001



ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the draft legislation on assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Health Canada:

Michael Bryden, Senior Planning Adviser, Special Projects Division, Policy, Planning and Priorities Directorate, Health Policy and Communications Branch;

Rhonda Ferderber, Director, Special Projects Division, Policy, Planning and Priorities Directorate, Health Policy and Communications Branch.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Alan Gilmore, Principal;

Michael J. McLaughlin, Deputy Auditor General, Corporate Services Branch.

University of Victoria:

Michael Prince, Lansdowne Professor of Social Policy, Faculty of Human and Social Development.



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Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colleen Beaumier, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Members present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy, Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From Health Canada: Rhonda Ferderber, Director, Special Projects Division, Policy, Planning and Priorities Directorate, Health Policy and Communications Branch; Michael Bryden, Senior Planning Advisor, Health Policy and Communications Branch, Special Projects Division. *From Justice Canada:* Glenn Rivard, Counsel, Legal Services. *From the University of Victoria:* Michael Prince, Lansdowne Professor of Social Policy, Faculty of Human and Social Development. *From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada:* Michael McLaughlin, Deputy Auditor General, Corporate Services; Alan Gilmore, Principal.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*).

Rhonda Ferderber, Alan Gilmore and Michael Prince made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, November 7, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the draft legislation on assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Dalhousie University:

Jocelyn Downie, Director, Health Law Institute and Assistant Professor.

Royal Commission on Reproductive and Genetic Technologies (1989-1993):

Suzanne Scorsone.

University of Montreal:

Bartha Maria Knoppers, Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Law.



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Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, November 7, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy.

Associate Member present: Preston Manning.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Royal Commission on Reproductive and Genetic Technologies (1989 - 1993): Suzanne Scorsone, PhD. *From Dalhousie University:* Jocelyn Downie, Director, Health Law Institute, and Assistant Professor. *From the University of Montreal:* Bartha Maria Knoppers, Professor, Faculty of Law.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*).

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 40

Thursday, November 8, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the draft legislation on assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Canadian Council of Professional Engineers:

Marie Lemay, Chief Executive Officer.

Infertility Awareness Association of Canada:

Norman B. Barwin, Doctor, Director, Gynaecology and Infertility Clinic, Ottawa;

Justine Espenant, Spokesperson.

London Health Sciences Centre:

Jean M. Haase, Social Worker, Infertility Clinic.

National Council of Women of Canada:

Ruth Brown, National Health Convener and Past President.

University of Guelph:

John Runciman, Associate Professor, Faculty of Engineering.



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Meeting No. 40

Thursday, November 8, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:35 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colleen Beaumier, Jeannot Castonguay, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield.

Acting Member present: Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois.

Associate Members present: Pauline Picard.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers: Marie Lemay, Chief Executive Officer; John Runciman, PhD, Associate Professor, Faculty of Engineering, Guelph University. *From the London Health Sciences Centre:* Jean M. Haase, Social Worker, Infertility Clinic. *From the Infertility Awareness Association of Canada, Inc.:* Norman B. Barwin, M.D., C.M., FSOGC, FRCOG, FACOG, Director, Gynaecology and Infertility Clinic, Ottawa; Justine Espenant, Former Executive Director. *From the National Council of Women of Canada:* Ruth Brown, National Health Convener, Past President.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*).

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, November 20, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction

WITNESSES:

McMaster and Dalhousie Universities:

John Collins, Doctor, Professor Emeritus (McMaster) and Adjunct Professor (Dalhousie),
Departments of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

McMaster University Medical Centre:

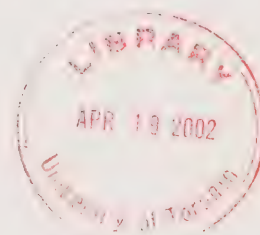
Valerie Fines, Social Worker, Fertility Clinic.

The Infertility Connection, Edmonton:

Irene Ryll, Support Group Coordinator.

The Infertility Network (Toronto, Ontario):

Diane Allen, Executive Director.





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Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, November 20, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, André Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy, Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois.

Associate Members present: Preston Manning, Pauline Picard.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From McMaster and Dalhousie Universities: John Collins, MD, FACOG, FRCOG, FRCPSC, Professor Emeritus (McMaster) and Adjunct Professor (Dalhousie), Departments of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. *From the McMaster University Medical Centre:* Valerie Fines, Social Worker, Fertility Clinic. *From the Infertility Network (Toronto, Ontario):* Diane Allen, Executive Director. *From the Infertility Connection (Edmonton, Alberta):* Irene Ryll.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*).

Réal Ménard moved, -- That the Standing Committee on Health be granted an operational budget of \$183,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year ending March 23, 2002.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to unanimously.

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 42

Wednesday, November 21, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the draft legislation on assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Royal Commission on New Reproductive Technologies:

Maureen McTeer, Former Commissioner.

"Université du Québec à Montréal":

Louise Vandelac, Professor, Department of Sociology, "Institut des sciences de l'environnement".

University of Manitoba:

Gordon Giesbrecht, Professor, Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation Studies.





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Meeting No. 42

Wednesday, November 21, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, André Bachand, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy, Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois.

Associate Members present: Preston Manning, Pauline Picard.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Royal Commission on Reproductive and Genetic Technologies (1989 - 1993): Maureen McTeer, Former Commissioner. *From the University of Manitoba:* Gordon Giesbrecht, PhD, Professor, Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation studies. *From the "Université du Québec à Montréal":* Louise Vandelac, PhD, Full Professor, Department of Sociology, "Institut des sciences de l'environnement".

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13.*)

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 43

Thursday, November 22, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the draft legislation on assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

University of Ottawa:

Martha Jackman, Professor, Faculty of Law.

As Individual:

Gerald Chipeur.





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Meeting No. 43

Thursday, November 22, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Stan Dromisky, Judy Sgro.

Acting Members present: Larry Bagnell for Colleen Beaumier, Claude Drouin for Hélène Scherrer, Mac Harb for Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Keyes for Reg Alcock, Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy, Paddy Torsney for Yolande Thibeault.

Associate Members present: Preston Manning.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris, and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the University of Ottawa: Martha Jackman, Professor, Faculty of Law. *As Individual:* Gerald Chipeur, Lawyer.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13*).

Preston Manning moved, -- That the Committee hold meetings to consider and report the Supplementary Estimates (A) for 2001-02 for the Department of Health; That the Committee invite the Minister and senior officials to appear before it on the Supplementary Estimates (A) for 2001-02 as soon as possible but no later than December 1, 2001; and, That the Committee consider and report recommendations on the Supplementary Estimates (A) for 2001-02 no later than three sitting days prior to the final allotted day in the current Supply period.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 44

Monday, November 26, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the draft legislation on assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

British Columbia Civil Liberties Association:

Michael Vonn, Member, Executive Committee, Board of Directors.

Campaign Life Coalition:

John Shea, Consultant.

Canadian Bar Association:

Brent F. Windwick, Chair, National Health Law Section.

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops:

Ron Mercier, Representative; Father and Dean, Regis College, Toronto School of Theology,
University of Toronto;

Terence Prendergast, Representative; Archbishop of Halifax.

Catholic Health Association of Canada:

Mary Lou Cranston, Doctor and Member; Director, St. Joseph's College Ethics Centre.



Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International:

Lawrence Soler, Director, Government Relations.

Lesbian Mothers Association:

Mona Greenbaum, Coordinator.

REAL Women of Canada:

Gwendolyn Landolt, National Vice-President.



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Meeting No. 44

Monday, November 26, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 10:07 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colleen Beaumier, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

Associate Member present: Preston Manning.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Bar Association: Brent F. Windwick, Chair, National Health Law Section. *From the Catholic Health Association of Canada:* Mary Lou Cranston, cnd, STD, Director, St. Joseph's College Ethics Centre (Edmonton, Alberta). *From the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Canada:* Lawrence Soler, Director of Government Relations. *From the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops:* Terence Prendergast, Archbishop of Halifax; Ron Mercier, S.J., Dean, Regis College, Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto. *From REAL Women of Canada:* Gwendolyn Landolt, National Vice-President. *From the Lesbian Mothers Association:* Mona Greenbaum, Coordinator. *From Campaign Life Coalition:* John Shea, MD, FRCP, Consultant. *From the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association:* Micheal Vonn, Member, Executive Committee, Board of Directors.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13.*)

Brent Windwick, Mary Lou Cranston, Lawrence Soler, Terence Prendergast and Ron Mercier each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:03 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 1:10 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Gwendolyn Landolt, Mona Greenbaum, John Shea and Micheal Vonn each made a statement and answered questions.

At 2:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction

WITNESSES:

Canadian Women's Health Network:

Abby Lippman, Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McGill
University.

Via video conference from London, U.K.:

Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (London, United Kingdom):

Maureen Dalziel, Chief Executive Officer.





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Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:17 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Reg Alcock Colleen Beaumier, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy.

Associate Member present: Preston Manning.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: Via videoconference from London, U.K.: From the Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority (London, U.K.): Maureen Dalziel, M.D., Chief Executive Officer.

From the Canadian Women's Health Network: Abby Lippman, Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McGill University.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13.*)

Maureen Dalziel made a statement and answered questions via videoconference from London, U.K.

At 12:13 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:18 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

Abby Lippman made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:56 p.m., the Vice-Chair, Reg Alcock, took the Chair.

At 1:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 46

Wednesday, November 28, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction

WITNESSES:

Indiana State University:

David Prentice, Professor, Faculty of Life Sciences.

Indianapolis (Via videoconference):

Indiana University Centre for Bioethics:

Eric M. Meslin, PhD, Director.

Melborne, Australia (Via videoconference):

University of Canterbury, New Zealand:

Ken Daniels, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work.





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Meeting No. 46

Wednesday, November 28, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy, Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois.

Associate Members present: Preston Manning, Pauline Picard.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From Indiana State University: David Prentice, PhD, Professor of Life Sciences. *Via videoconference from Indianapolis:* From the Indiana University Centre for Bioethics: Eric M. Meslin, PhD, Director. *Via videoconference from Melbourne, Australia:* From the University of Canterbury (New Zealand): Ken Daniels, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13.*)

David Prentice made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:43 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:06 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

Eric Meslin made a statement and answered questions via videoconference from Indianapolis.

At 7:01 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 7:07 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

Ken Daniels made a statement and answered questions via videoconference from Melbourne, Australia.

At 7:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 47

Thursday, November 29, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association for Community Living:

Audrey Cole, Former Board Member;

Ami Wise, Project Officer.

Canadian Environmental Law Association:

Paul Muldoon, Executive Director.

Council of Canadians with Disabilities:

Kathy Marshall, Secretary, National Coordinator and Projects Supervisor, Disabled
Women's Network.

Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development:

Mark Winfield, Special Adviser, Organizational Services.





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Meeting No. 47

Thursday, November 29, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Reg Alcock, Colleen Beaumier, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy, Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois.

Associate Members present: Preston Manning, Pauline Picard.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Environmental Law Association: Paul Muldoon, Executive Director. *From the Pembina Institute:* Mark Winfield, Special Adviser, Organizational Services. *From the Council of Canadians with Disabilities:* Kathy Marshall, Secretary, National Coordinator and Projects Supervisor, Disabled Women's Network. *From the Canadian Association for Community Living:* Audrey Cole, Former Board Member, Parent.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13.*)

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:40 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:01 p.m., the sitting was resumed, and the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

At 1:01 p.m., the Chair, Bonnie Brown, took the Chair.

At 2:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Monday, December 3, 2001

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 48

Monday, December 3, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 10:12 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Reg Alcock, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy, Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois, David Price for Hélène Scherrer.

Associate Members present: Preston Manning, Pauline Picard.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: François-Bernard Côté, Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

The Committee considered a draft report on the proposal on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13.*)

At 12:06 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:58 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

At 1:53 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:35 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

At 5:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Tuesday, December 4, 2001

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 9:15 a.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, André Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy, Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois.

Associate Members present: Preston Manning, Pauline Picard.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: François-Bernard Côté, Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report on the proposal on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13.*)

At 10:49 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:12 a.m., the sitting was resumed.

At 11:59, the sitting was suspended.

At 12:38 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

At 1:56 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:27 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Wednesday, December 5, 2001

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 50

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 12:43 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, André Bachand, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Yvon Charbonneau for Colleen Beaumier, Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy, Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois.

Associate Members present: Preston Manning, Pauline Picard.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: François-Bernard Côté, Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report on the proposal on Assisted Human Reproduction. (See *Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13.*)

At 1:48, the sitting was suspended.

At 3:37, the sitting was resumed.

At 5:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Thursday, December 6, 2001

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Meeting No. 51

Thursday, December 6, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 9:19 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colleen Beaumier, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy, Pauline Picard for Diane Bourgeois, Bob Wood for Brenda Chamberlain.

Associate Members present: Preston Manning, Pauline Picard.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: François-Bernard Côté, Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report on the proposal on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, Meeting No. 13.*)

At 9:58 a.m., the Vice-Chair, Rob Merrifield, took the Chair.

At 10:37 a.m., the Chair, Bonnie Brown, took the Chair.

At 10:54 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:34 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 11:54 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:04 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

At 1:18 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:30 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

At 2:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:30 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

At 4:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No 52

Monday, December 10, 2001

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 52

Monday, December 10, 2001

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 12:41 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, André Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Preston Manning for Diane Ablonczy.

Associate Member present: Preston Manning.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris, François Côté and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report on the proposal on Assisted Human Reproduction. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 13.*)

It was agreed – That the Chair be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed – That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request the Government to table a comprehensive response to the Report within 150 days.

It was agreed – That the Draft Report, as amended, on the Committee's study of the draft proposal on Assisted Human Reproduction pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), be adopted as the Committee's Second Report, and that the Chair present the said report to the House.

At 1:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No 53

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 53

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, André Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

The Committee discussed its future business.

At 12:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No 54

Thursday, January 31, 2002

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 54

Thursday, January 31, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 11:56 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colleen Beaumier, Jeannot Castonguay, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Howard Hilstrom for Diane Ablonczy, Carolyn Parrish for Stan Dromisky Julian Reed for Reg Alcock and Bryon Wilfert for Brenda Chamberlain

Associate Members present: Howard Hilstrom.

Other Member present: Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

The Committee discussed its future business.

It was agreed, -- That the Committee proceed immediately with its study of labelling of food products containing genetically-modified organisms.

It was agreed, -- That the Standing Committee on Health invite the Minister of Health to appear before it no later than March 15, 2002, to discuss the general direction that she intends her Department to take.

It was agreed, -- That the Standing Committee on Health invite the Auditor General to appear before it no later than March 15, 2002, to discuss chapters 5, 9 and 11 of her Report.

It was agreed, -- That the Committee invite Commissioner Roy Romanow to present to the Committee the interim report of the Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada and to discuss the Commission's plans.

It was agreed, -- That the Committee proceed with the study of labeling of food products containing GMO's as a full committee, and that no subcommittee be struck.

At 12:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 55

Tuesday, February 5, 2001 2

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the labelling of genetically modified foods

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Bart Bilmer, Director, Office of Biotechnology;

Peter Brackenridge, Vice-President, Programs;

Greg Orriss, Director, Bureau of Food Safety and Consumer Protection.

Health Canada:

Karen L. Dodds, Director General, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch;

Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch.





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Meeting No. 55

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colleen Beaumier, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Suzanne Tremblay for Diane Bourgeois.

Other Member Present: Hedy Fry.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers

Witnesses: From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Peter Brackenridge, Vice-President, Programs; Bart Bilmer, Director, Office of Biotechnology; Greg Orriss, Director, Bureau of Food Safety and Consumer Protection. *From the Department of Health:* Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Karen L. Dodds, Director General, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the labelling of genetically modified foods.

Peter Brackenridge and Diane Gorman each made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 56

Thursday, February 7, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the labelling of genetically modified foods

WITNESSES:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Rory McAlpine, Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Michael Presley, Director General, Food Bureau, Market and Industry Services Branch.

Industry Canada:

Heather Glouchkow, Senior Consumer Policy Analyst, Office of Consumer Affairs;

Michael Jenkin, Director General, Office of Consumer Affairs;

George Michaliszyn, Director, Life Sciences Branch.





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Meeting No. 56

Thursday, February 7, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Hedy Fry for Colleen Beaumier and Suzanne Tremblay for Diane Bourgeois.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Michael Presley Director General, Food Bureau, Market and Industry Services Branch and Rory McAlpine, Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate. *From the Department of Industry:* George Michalyszyn, Director, Life Sciences Branch, Michael Jenkin, Director General, Office of Consumer Affairs, Heather Glouchkow, Senior Policy Analyst and Brian Botting, Senior Policy Advisor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Foods.

Michael Presley made a statement and, with the other witness from the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food, answered questions.

George Michalyszyn and Michael Jenkin each made a statement and, with the other witnesses from the Department of Industry, answered questions.

At 11:47 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:12 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

At 12:47 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*

It was agreed, --That the Committee approve the work plan prepared by its research officers with the understanding that, if the need arises, the Committee will plan and schedule additional meetings in connection with its study of GMO labelling.

It was agreed, --That the Committee adopt the proposed itinerary for travel to Brussels, Belgium and London, U.K., during the period commencing April 20, 2002 and ending April 27, 2002, to consult with officials of the European Union regarding the effects of GMO labelling on trade, costs and consumer trends.

It was agreed, --That the budget for the trip to Brussels, Belgium and London, U.K., in the amount of \$145,213.75 be approved.

At 1:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 57

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the labelling of genetically modified foods

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Claude Carrière, Director General, Trade Policy Bureau I, Chief Negotiator, Free Trade
Area of the Americas (FTAA);

Claudio Valle, Director, Technical Barriers and Regulations.





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Meeting No. 57

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro and Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Member present: Marcel Gagnon for Diane Bourgeois

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament, Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Claude Carrière, Director General, Trade Policy Bureau I, Chief Negotiator, Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA); Claudio Valle, Director, Technical Barriers and Regulations; Victor G. Bradley, Deputy Director, Technical Barriers and Regulations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the labelling of genetically modified foods.

Claude Carrière made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerks of the Committee

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Meeting No. 58

Thursday, February 21, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Information session on Departmental matters

WITNESSES:

Canadian General Standards Board:

Marian Gaucher, Secretary to the Committee on Voluntary Labelling of Foods Obtained or Not Obtained Through Genetic Modification;

Doryne Peace, Chair of the Committee on Voluntary Labelling of Foods Obtained or Not Obtained Through Genetic Modification.

Department of Health:

Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch.





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Meeting No. 58

Thursday, February 21, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bachand, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Yolande Thibeault and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Michel Guimond for Réal Ménard.

Other Member present: Bob Speller.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament, Sonya Norris, Research Officer.

Appearing: From the Department of Health: The Honourable Anne McLellan, Minister of Health.

Witness(es): From the Department of Health: Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch; Munir Sheikh, Associate Deputy Minister. *From the Canadian General Standards Board:* Doryne Peace, Chair of the Committee on Voluntary Labelling of Foods Obtained or Not Obtained through Genetic Modification; Marian Gaucher, Secretary to the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee proceeded to an information session on Departmental matters.

The Minister made a statement and, with Ian Shugart and Munir Sheikh, answered questions.

At 12:08 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:12 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its Study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Foods.

Doryne Peace made a statement and, with Marian Gaucher, answered questions.

At 1:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

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Meeting No. 59

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Chapter 5 (Voted Grants and Contributions: Program Management), Chapter 9 (Health Canada – A Proactive Approach to Good Health) and Chapter 11 (Illicit Drugs: The Federal Government's Role) of the December 2001 Report of the Auditor General of Canada

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Maria Barrados, Assistant Auditor General;

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;

Patricia MacDonald, Principal;

Peter Simeoni, Principal.





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Meeting No. 59

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:47 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Maria Barrados, Assistant Auditor General; Patricia MacDonald, Principal; Peter Simeoni, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee commenced its consideration of Chapter 5 (Voted Grants and Contributions: Program Management), Chapter 9 (Health Canada – A Proactive Approach to Good Health) and Chapter 11 (Illicit Drugs: The Federal Government's Role) of the December 2001 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

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Meeting No. 60

Thursday, February 28, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the work of the Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada

WITNESS:

Commission on the future of health care in Canada:

Roy Romanow, Commissioner.





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Meeting No. 60

Thursday, February 28, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present, André Bachand, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Hedy Fry for Stan Dromisky

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada: Roy Romanow, Commissioner; Pierre-Gerlier Forest, Director of Research.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee commenced its consideration of the work of the Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada.

Roy Romanow made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Foods

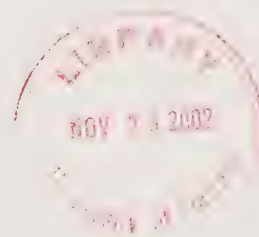
WITNESSES:

Canadian Biotechnology Advisory Committee:

Suzanne Hendricks, Co-Chair, Project Steering Committee on the Regulation of Genetically Modified Food;

Arnold Naimark, Chair;

Peter Phillips, Co-Chair, Project Steering Committee on the Regulation of Genetically Modified Food.





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Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, and Yolande Thibeault.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Biotechnology Advisory Committee: Dr. Arnold Naimark, Chair; Dr. Peter Phillips, Co-Chair, Project Steering Committee on the Regulation of Genetically Modified Food; Suzanne Hendricks, Co-Chair, Project Steering Committee on the Regulation of Genetically Modified Foods.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Foods.

Rob Merrifield gave notice of motion, - That Dr. Alan Bernstein, President of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), be called to appear before the Committee to explain why the CIHR ignored Parliament by imposing new guidelines on embryonic stem cell research just prior to the introduction of legislation, and to justify the contradictions between the Standing Committee Report and the new guidelines.

Réal Ménard gave notice of motion, - That witnesses be given ten (10) minutes for opening statement and, that during the questioning of witnesses there be allocated seven (7) minutes for the questioners of the parties in the following order: the Canadian Alliance, the Bloc Québécois, the Liberal Party, the New Democratic Party, the Coalition PC-DR and the Liberal Party and that thereafter five (5) minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner, alternating between opposition and government parties, at the discretion of the Chair.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 62

Thursday, March 14, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Foods

WITNESSES:

Allergy/Asthma Information Association:

Mary Allen, Interim CEO and Quebec Coordinator.

As Individual:

Doug Powell.





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Meeting No. 62

Thursday, March 14, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, André Bachand, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for Diane Ablonczy, Hedy Fry for Bob Speller and Alan Tonks for Brenda Chamberlain.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament; Nancy Miller-Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Allergy/Asthma Information Association: Mary Allen. *From the Canadian Research Institute for Food Safety:* Dr. Doug Powell, Executive Committee Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Foods.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Rob Merrifield moved, --That Dr. Alan Bernstein, President of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), be called to appear before the Committee to explain why the CIHR ignored Parliament by imposing new guidelines on embryonic stem cell research just prior to the introduction of legislation, and to justify the contradictions between the Standing Committee Report and the new guidelines.

And debate arising thereon,

Judy Sgro moved, --That motion be amended by deleting all the words after the words "before the Committee".

The amendment was agreed to.

The motion as amended was agreed to.

Réal Ménard moved, --That witnesses be given ten (10) minutes for their opening statement and, that during the questioning of witnesses there be allocated seven (7) minutes for the questioners of the parties in the following order : the Canadian Alliance, the Bloc Québécois, the Liberal Party, the New Democratic Party, the Coalition PC-DR and the Liberal Party and that thereafter five(5)minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner, alternating between opposition and government parties, at the

discretion of the Chair

And debate arising thereon.

Stan Dromisky moved, --That the motion be amended by deleting the reference to “seven (7)” and replacing it with “five (5)”.

After debate, the amendment was withdrawn, with unanimous consent.

Stan Dromisky moved, --That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "thereafter" and replacing them with the following:

"time allocation be determined at the discretion of the Chair".

After debate the motion, as amended, was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, was negatived on recorded division.

Nays:

Reg Alcock
Jeannot Castonguay
Stan Dromisky
Hedy Fry
Judy Sgro
Yolande Thibault
Rob Anders
James Lunney
Rob Merrifield – (9)

Yeas:

Réal Ménard
Judy Wasylycia-Leis – (2)

At 12:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 63

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Foods

WITNESS:

Royal Society of Canada:

Brian E. Ellis, Associate Director, Biotechnology Laboratory and Professor, Agroecology,
Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of British Columbia; Co-Chair, Expert
Panel on the Future of Food Biotechnology





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Meeting No. 63

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bachand, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Bob Speller, Yolande Thibeault and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witness: From the The Royal Society of Canada, Expert Panel on the Future of Food Biotechnology: Dr. Brian E. Ellis, Co-Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Foods.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, --That, as March 19, 2002 marks two years since the tragic death of Vanessa Young of Oakville Ontario from an adverse reaction to a prescribed drug approved by Health Canada and, as a coroner's inquest into that death recommended on April 24, 2001 that the federal government institute a system of mandatory reporting of adverse drug reactions and, as the federal government on September 18, 2001 confirmed in Parliament that it would act to address the inadequacies of its adverse drug reaction reporting system and, as Canadians continue to suffer injury and death from adverse reactions as no significant improvement has been forthcoming, the Health Committee agree to allocate time in its schedule, before Parliament rises for the summer, to review the process for reporting adverse drug reactions and to make recommendations to improve that reporting and to ensure that prompt action is taken to guarantee the safety of Canadians.

Debate arose thereon.

Stan Dromisky moved the following amendment, --That the motion be amended by the deletion of the words " before Parliament rises for the summer".

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment and it was, by a show of hands, agreed to: Yeas: 4; Nays:3.

The Committee resumed consideration of the main motion as amended.

The question was put on the main motion as amended and it was, by a show of hands agreed to: Yeas:8;

Nays:0.

At 12:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 64

Thursday, March 21, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Foods

WITNESSES:

Genetic ID NA, Inc.:

John Fagan, Chairman and Chief Scientific Officer.

National Research Council:

Wilf Keller, Research Director, Plant Biotechnology Institute.

Queen's College at the University of New York:

Barry Commoner, Director, Center for the Biology of Natural Systems.

University of Guelph:

Alan Wildeman, Vice-President of Research, Faculty of Molecular Biology and Genetics.





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Meeting No. 64

Thursday, March 21, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Réal Ménard, Hélène Scherrer, Bob Speller, Yolande Thibeault and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Marcel Gagnon for Diane Bouregeois.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the The Plant Biotechnology Institute (NCR), Saskatoon: Wilf Keller, Director of Research. *From the University of Guelph:* Alan G. Wildeman, Vice-President (Research), Professor, Molecular Biology and Genetics. *From the Genetic ID Inc., Fairfield, Iowa:* John Fagan, President. *From the The Centre for the Biology of Natural Systems, Queen's College at the University of New York:* Barry Commoner, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Foods.

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 65

Thursday, April 11, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Future business

Study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Foods

WITNESSES:

Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors:

Eric Claus, Vice-Chair, Chief Executive Officer of Co-op Atlantic;

Jeanne Cruikshank, Vice-President, Atlantic Office.

Food and Consumer Products Manufacturers of Canada:

Laurie Curry, Vice-President, Public Policy and Scientific Affairs;

James Krushelniski, President and CEO, H.J. Heinz Company of Canada Ltd.;

Thomas Singer, President, Reinhart Foods Limited.





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Meeting No. 65

Thursday, April 11, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bachand, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Bob Speller, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Carol Skelton for Diane Ablonczy.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors: Jeanne Cruikshank, Vice-President, Atlantic Office; Eric Claus, Vice-Chair of the CCGD Board of Directors and CEO of Co-op Atlantic. *From the Food and Consumer Products Manufacturers of Canada:* Laurie Curry, Vice-President, Public Policy and Scientific Affairs; James Krushelniski, President and CEO, H.J. Heinz Company of Canada Ltd.; Thomas Singer, President, Reinhart Foods Limited.

The Committee proceeded to discuss its future business.

It was agreed – That the Committee invite the Minister to appear before it from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2002, if Bill C-53 has been referred to the Committee.

It was agreed – That the Committee meet to discuss its future business *in camera* from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Tuesday, April 16, 2002.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Foods.

Eric Claud, Jeanne Cruikshank and Laurie Curry each made a statement, and, with James Krushelniski and Thomas Singer, answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 66

Tuesday, April 16, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-53, an Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests

Future business

APPEARING:

Hon. Anne McLellan, Minister of Health

WITNESS:

Pest Management Regulatory Agency:

Claire Franklin, Executive Director.





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Meeting No. 66

Tuesday, April 16, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 11:37 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Bob Speller, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Réal Ménard, Marcel Gagnon for Diane Bourgeois, John Herron for André Bachand, Howard Hilstrom for Diane Ablonczy

Other Member present: Karen Kraft Sloan

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: The Honourable Anne McLellan, Minister of Health.

Witness: From the Pest Management Regulatory Agency: Claire Franklin, Executive Director.

The Committee proceeded to discuss its future business.

It was agreed – That in order to expedite the Committee's consideration of Bill C-53, extra meetings of the Committee may be held as long as these are scheduled so as not to coincide with regularly scheduled meetings of other Standing Committees.

It was agreed – That the Committee invite the Minister of Health to appear before it to discuss the Main Estimates at a date no later than Thursday, May 9, 2002.

At 12:02 p.m., the meeting was suspended.

At 12:11 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in a televised public session.

The Order of Reference dated Monday, April 15, 2002 was read as follows:

ORDERED: - That Bill C-53, An Act to Protect Human Health and Safety and the Environment by Regulating Products used for the Control of Pests, be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Health. Accordingly, the Bill was read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Health.

The Minister made a statement and, with the witness, answered questions.

At 1:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 67

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of recent initiatives of the Governing Council of the Canadian Institutes for Health Research

WITNESS:

Canadian Institutes of Health Research:

Alan Bernstein, President.





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Meeting No. 67

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present, Reg Alcock, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: David Anderson for James Lunney, Pauline Picard for Réal Ménard, Carol Skelton for Diane Ablonczy, Paul Szabo for Bob Speller.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witness: From the Canadian Institutes of Health Research: Alan Bernstein, PhD, FRSC, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee commenced its consideration of recent initiatives of the Governing Council of the Canadian Institutes for Health Research.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 68

Thursday, April 18, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-53, an Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests

WITNESS:

Pest Management Regulatory Agency:

Claire Franklin, Executive Director.



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Meeting No. 68

Thursday, April 18, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Bob Speller, Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Members present: Howard Hilstrom for James Lunney

Other Member present: Bernard Bigras

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Pest Management Regulatory Agency: Dr. Claire Franklin, Executive Director; Geraldine Graham, Head, Regulatory Affairs. *From the Department of Justice:* Basil Stapleton, Legal Counsel.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-53, an Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests. (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, Meeting no. 66*)

At 11:10 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:03 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 69

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-53, an Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests

WITNESSES:

AGCare:

Craig Hunter, Technical Advisor;

Don McCabe, Chair, Pesticide Issues Committee.

Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association:

Chuck Beach, First Vice-President;

Shannon Coombs, Director, Government Relations.

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

Nicole Howe, Environmental Policy Analyst;

Jack Wilkinson, Member, Executive Council.

CropLife Canada:

Lorne Hepworth, President.





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Meeting No. 69

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, André Bachand, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Bob Speller, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Diane Bourgeois, Howard Hilstrom for Carol Skelton.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the AGCare (Agricultural Groups Concerned About Resources and the Environment): Don McCabe, Chair, Pesticide Issues Committee; Craig Hunter, Technical Advisor. *From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture:* Jack Wilkinson, Member, Executive Council; Past President; Nicole Howe, Environmental Policy Analyst. *From the Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association:* Chuck Beach, First Vice-President; Shannon Coombs, Director, Government Relations. *From the CropLife Canada:* Lorne Hepworth, President; Peter MacLeod, Executive Director, Crop Protection Chemistry.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests. (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, Meeting No. 66.*)

Don McCabe, Jack Wilkinson, Shannon Coombs, Chuck Beach and Lorne Hepworth made statements, and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

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Meeting No. 70

Wednesday, April 24, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-53, an Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests

WITNESSES:

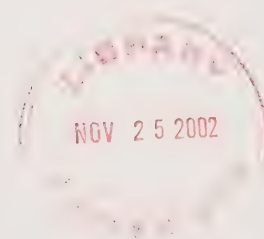
Department of Justice Canada:

Basil Stapleton, Legal Counsel.

Health Canada:

Claire Franklin, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency;

Geraldine Graham, Head, Regulatory Affairs, Pest Management Regulatory Agency.





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Meeting No. 70

Wednesday, April 24, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Rob Merrifield, Carol Skelton, Bob Speller, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Howard Hilstrom for James Lunney.

Other Members present, Bernard Bigras, Karen Kraft Sloan, Clifford Lincoln.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Pest Management Regulatory Agency: Claire Franklin, Executive Director; Geraldine Graham, Head, Regulatory Affairs. *From the Department of Justice:* Basil Stapleton, Legal Counsel.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, Meeting No. 66*).

Claire Franklin made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

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Meeting No. 71

Thursday, April 25, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-53, an Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment:

Kapil Khatter, Doctor, Executive Director.

Canadian Institute of Child Health:

Don Houston, Director, Environmental Programs.

Canadian Public Health Association:

Robert Cushman, Medical Officer of Health, City of Ottawa.

Pollution Probe:

Sandra Schwartz, Manager, Environment and Child Health Program.





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Meeting No. 71

Thursday, April 25, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Diane Bourgeois, Howard Hilstrom for James Lunney.

Other Members present: Karen Kraft Sloan.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment: Kapil Khatter, Executive Director. *From the Canadian Institute of Child Health:* Don Houston, Director, Environmental Programs. *From the Canadian Public Health Association:* Robert Cushman, Medical Officer of Health, City of Ottawa. *From the Pollution Probe:* Sandra Schwartz, Manager, Environment & Child Health Program.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, Meeting No. 66*).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:42 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in *camera*.

It was agreed, - That prior to the commencement of clause by clause consideration on Bill C-53, meetings of the Committee may include a number of Round Tables.

It was agreed, - That due to the large number of potential witnesses, individual presentations will be limited to a maximum length of five minutes.

At 1:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 72

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-53, an Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests

WITNESSES:

Citizens for Alternatives to Pesticides:

Merryl Hammond, Founder.

Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides:

Michel Gaudet, Vice-President.

Green Coalition:

David Fletcher, Director.

Health Dangers of the Urban Use of Pesticides:

Meg Sears, Spokesperson.

As Individuals:

Elisabeth Arnold;

Alex Cullen.





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Meeting No. 72

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Bob Speller.

Acting Members present: Joseph Comartin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Hedy Fry for Brenda Chamberlain.

Associate Member present: Hedy Fry

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: As Individual: Alex Cullen, Councillor, Bay Ward, City of Ottawa; Elisabeth Arnold, Councillor, Somerset Ward, City of Ottawa. *From the Citizens for Alternatives to Pesticides:* Meryll Hammond, Founder. *From the Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides:* Michel Gaudet, Vice-President. *From the Green Coalition:* David Fletcher, Director. *From the Health Dangers of the Urban Use of Pesticides:* Peggy Land, Former Co-Chair, Meg Sears, Scientific Advisor.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, Meeting No. 66*).

Alex Cullen, Elisabeth Arnold, Meryll Hammond, Michel Gaudet, David Fletcher, and Meg Sears made statements, and, with Peggy Land, answered questions.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 73

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-53, an Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests

WITNESSES:

Canadian Environmental Law Association:

Theresa McClenaghan, Counsel.

Sierra Club of Canada:

Angela Rickman, Deputy Director.

World Wildlife Fund Canada:

Sarah Dover, Policy Adviser.

As Individual:

Charles Caccia.





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Meeting No. 73

Wednesday, May 1st, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, André Bachand, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Bob Speller, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Howard Hilstrom for Carol Skelton.

Associate Member present: Bernard Bigras.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Environmental Law Association: Theresa McClenaghan, Counsel. *From the Sierra Club of Canada:* Angela Rickman, Executive Director. *From the World Wildlife Fund Canada:* Sarah Dover, Policy Advisor. *As Individual:* Charles L. Caccia, Davenport.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, Meeting No. 66*).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 74

Thursday, May 2, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests

WITNESSES:

Canadian Labour Congress:

David Bennett, National Director of Health, Safety, and Environment.

Learning Disabilities Association of Canada:

Barbara McElgunn, Health Policy Officer.

Ontario College of Family Physicians:

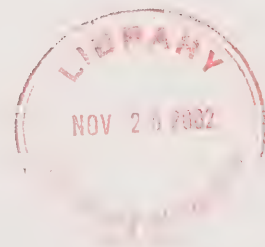
Janet Kasperski, RN, MHSc, CHE, Executive Director.

Physicians and Scientists for a Healthy World, Inc.:

Libuse Anna Gilka, Doctor, Representative.

As Individual:

June Irwin.





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Meeting No. 74

Thursday, May 2, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Rob Merrifield, Bob Speller, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Diane Bourgeois, Gilbert Normand for Hélène Scherrer.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Monique Hébert, Research Officer.

Witnesses: As Individual: June Irwin, MD. *From the Canadian Labour Congress:* David Bennett, National Director of Health, Safety and Environment. *From the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada:* Barbara McElgunn, RN, Health Policy Officer. *From the Ontario College of Family Physicians:* M. Janet Kasperski, RN, MHSc, CHE, Executive Director. *From the Physicians and Scientists for a Healthy World, Inc.:* Libuse Anna Gilka, MD.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, Meeting No. 66*).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 75

Monday, May 6, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests

WITNESSES:

Environmental Defence Canada:

Mary McGrath, Representative.

"Groupe d'action pour les alternatives aux pesticides":

Marie Archambault.

Inuit Circumpolar Conference:

Terry Fenge.

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami of Canada:

Stephanie Meakin.

New Tecumseth Environment Watch:

Shauneen Mackay, Volunteer.



Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada:

Av Singh, Extension Coordinator.

Organic Landscape Alliance:

Colette Boileau, Coordinator.

Pesticide Free Ontario:

Janet May.

Sierra Club—Chinook Group:

Peggy Land, Physiotherapist.

Women's Healthy Environments Network:

Dorothy Goldin Rosenberg, Coordinator.

As Individual:

Jean-Dominique Lévesque-René.



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Meeting No. 75

Monday, May 6, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 6:08 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Odina Desrochers for Réal Ménard.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Inuit Circumpolar Conference: Terry Fenge. *From the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami of Canada:* Stephanie Meakin. *From the Environmental Defence Canada:* Mary McGrath. *From the New Tecumseth Environment Watch:* Shauneen Mackay. *From the "Groupe d'action pour les alternatives aux pesticides":* Marie Archambault. *As Individual:* Jean-Dominique Lévesque-René. *From the Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada:* Dr. Av Singh, Extension Coordinator. *From the Organic Landscape Alliance:* Colette Boileau, Co-ordinator. *From the Pesticide Free Ontario:* Janet May. *From the Sierra Club-Chinook Group:* Peggy Land. *From the Womens' Healthy Environments Network:* Dorothy Goldin Rosenberg, Co-ordinator.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, Meeting No. 66*).

Terry Fenge, Mary McGrath, Shauneen McKay and Marie Archambault made statements and, with Stephanie Meakin, answered questions.

At 7:31 p.m., the meeting was suspended.

At 7:52 p.m., the meeting resumed.

Dorothy Goldin Rosenberg, Peggy Land, Janet May, Colette Boileau, Av Singh and Jean-Dominique Lévesque-René made statements and answered questions.

At 9:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 76

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 under HEALTH, laid upon the table on February 28, 2002, be referred to the Standing Committee on Health

APPEARING:

Hon. Anne McLellan, Minister of Health

WITNESSES:

Health Canada:

Ian C. Green, Deputy Minister;

Cliff Halliwell, Director General, Applied Research and Analysis Directorate;

Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch.





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Meeting No. 76

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 12:11 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Helen Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Associate Member present: Hedy Fry.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: Anne McLellan, Minister of Health.

Witnesses: From the Department of Health: Ian C. Green, Deputy Minister; Munir Sheikh, Associate Deputy Minister; Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch; Patrick Borbey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch; Cliff Halliwell, Director General, Applied Research and Analysis Directorate, Information, Analysis and Connectivity Branch; Orvel Marquardt, Director General, Departmental Financial Planning and Administration Directorate, Corporate Services Branch.

The Order of Reference dated February 28, 2002, was read as follows:

ORDERED: - That the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 under HEALTH, laid upon the table on February 28, 2002, be referred to the Standing Committee on Health (Extract from the Journals of the House of Commons, February 28, 2002).

The Minister made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, - That the Committee invite the Minister to appear before it to continue their discussion of the Main Estimates (2002 - 2003) at a date no later than Thursday, May 30, 2002.

After debate the question was put on the motion and it was, by a show of hands, agreed to : YEAS: 8; NAYS: 0.

At 1:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 77

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-53, an Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests

WITNESSES:

"Association québécoise de la gestion parasitaire":

Austin Leavey, President.

Canadian Horticultural Council:

Dean Thomson, Chairman, Crop, Plant Protection and Environment Committee.

Federal/Provincial/Territorial Committee on Pest Management and Pesticides:

Ken Plews, Past Co-Chairman.

Grain Growers of Canada:

Don McCabe, Chairman, Environment Committee.

Halifax Regional Municipality:

Stephen King, Manager-Senior Advisor, Parks and Natural Areas.



Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Johanne Gélinas, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development;

John Reed, Principal, Office of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

Pulse Canada:

Mark Goodwin, Pest Management Coordinator.



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Meeting No. 77

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Member present: Bernard Bigras for Diane Bourgeois.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier; Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Auditor General: Johanne Gélinas, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development; John Reed, Principal, Office of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development. *From the "Association québécoise de la gestion parasitaire":* Austin Leavey, President. *From the Canadian Horticultural Council:* Dean Thomson, Chairman, Crop, Plant Protection and Environment Committee. *From the Federal Provincial Territorial Committee on Pest Management and Pesticides (PMRA):* Ken Plews, Past Co-Chairman. *From the Grain Growers of Canada:* Don McCabe, Chairman, Environment Committee. *From the Halifax Regional Municipality:* Stephen King, Manager-Senior Advisor, Parks and Natural Services. *From Pulse Canada:* Mark Goodwin, Pest Management Co-Ordinator.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, Meeting No. 66*).

Joanne Gélinas made a statement and, with John Reed, answered questions.

It was agreed, --That the deadline for the submission of amendments, either to the clerk or to the legislative counsel, will be 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2002.

Austin Leavey, Dean Thomson, Ken Plews, Don McCabe, Stephen King, and Mark Goodwin made statements and answered questions.

At 5:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 78

Thursday, May 9, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests

WITNESSES:

McMaster University:

Margaret Sanborn, Doctor, Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Family Medicine,
Faculty of Health Sciences.

Municipality of Chelsea:

Andrea Lockwood, Representative.

Ontario Corn Producers' Association:

Ken Hough, Director of Research and Market Development.

Planetary Association for Clean Energy Inc.:

Andrew Michrowski, President.



Real Alternatives to Toxins in the Environment:

Helen Jones, Board Member.

As Individuals:

Christina Caron;

André Duhaime;

Olga Prin;

Dawna J. Ring.



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Meeting No. 78

Thursday, May 9, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, Bonnie Brown, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Member(s) present: Bernard Bigras for Diane Bourgeois, Murray Calder for Bob Speller, Paul Szabo for Stan Dromisky.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier; Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: As Individual: André Duhaime; Olga Prin; Christina Caron. *From the Municipality of Chelsea:* Andrea Lockwood. *From Real Alternatives to Toxins in the Environment:* Helen Jones, EdD, Board Member. *From the Ontario Corn Producers' Association:* Ken Hough, Director of Research and Market Development. *From the Planetary Association for Clean Energy Inc.:* Andrew Michrowski, PhD, President. *From McMaster University:* Margaret Sandborn, MD, CCFP, Associate Clinical Professor of Family Medicine. *As Individual:* Dawna J. Ring, Q.C..

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, Meeting No. 66*).

The witnesses made statement and answered questions.

At 12:56 p.m. the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

At 1:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 79

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice Canada:

Basil Stapleton, Legal Counsel.

Pest Management Regulatory Agency:

Claire Franklin, Executive Director.





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Meeting No. 79

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:17 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Bob Speller, Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Diane Bourgeois, Howard Hilstrom for Carol Skelton.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Justice: Basil Stapleton, Legal Counsel. *From the Department of Health:* Claire Franklin, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency; Geraldine Graham, Head, Regulatory Affairs, Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, Meeting No. 66*).

Basil Stapleton made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 80

Thursday, May 23, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice Canada:

Basil Stapleton, Legal Counsel, Legal Operations Sector.

Pest Management Regulatory Agency:

Claire Franklin, Executive Director;

Geraldine Graham, Head, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs Division.





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Meeting No. 80

Thursday, May 23, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:21 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bachand, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Bob Speller, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Diane Bourgeois, Hedy Fry for Yolande Thibeault, John Maloney for Reg Alcock, Bernard Patry for Stan Dromisky, Brent St.Denis for Brenda Chamberlain.

Other Member present: John Heron.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Justice: Basil Stapleton, Legal Counsel, *From the Department of Health:* Claire Franklin, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency; Geraldine Graham, Head, Regulatory Affairs, Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, Meeting No. 66*).

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 was postponed.

Brent St-Denis moved, -- That the Committee begin its consideration of the Bill with Clause 4.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

The Chair called Clause 2.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 27 on page 3 the following:

““acceptable risk” means that a preponderance of evidence demonstrates that there is a very low likelihood of harm to human health, future generations, or the environment.”

Bernard Bigras moved, That the amendment be amended by replacing the words “future generations” with the word “children”.

After debate, the question being put on the sub-amendment, it was negatived.

The question was put on the amendment, and it was negatived.

Hedy Fry moved, That Bill C-53, in Clause 2, be amended by

(a) replacing line 26 on page 3 with the following:

2. (1) The definitions in this section apply in

(b) adding after line 21 on page 7 the following:

Acceptable risks

(2) For the purposes of this Act, the health or environmental risks of a pest control product are acceptable if there is reasonable certainty that no harm to human health or the environment will result from exposure to or use of the product, taking into account its conditions or proposed conditions of registration.

André Bachand moved, -- That the amendment, be amended by replacing the words "reasonable certainty" with the words "preponderance of evidence".

After debate, the question being put on the sub-amendment, it was negatived.

Hedy Fry moved, -- That the amendment be amended by adding the words "future generations" after the words "human health".

After debate, the question being put on the sub-amendment, it was agreed to.

After further debate, the question was put on the amendment as amended, and it was agreed to.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 4 on page 4 the following:

““Agency” means the Pest Management Regulatory Agency.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 4 on page 4 the following:

““aggregate exposure” means exposure to pest control products from all sources, including, but not limited to, food, drinking water, dermal, air and residential exposure.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Bernard Bigras moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 30 to 33 on page 4 with the following:

“information that would be truly prejudicial to the financial or competitive interests of the person to

whom it belongs.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 33 on page 4 with the following:

“and (5).”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 36 on page 4 the following:

““cumulative exposure” means exposure to more than one substance with a common mechanism of toxic action.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 19 on page 5 the following:

““formulant”, in respect of a pest control product, means the non-active ingredients, including but not limited to the solvent, diluent, emulsifier or other components that are not primarily responsible for the effects of the pest control product.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, by unanimous consent, it was allowed to stand.

André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 25 on page 5 the following:

““harm”, “harmful” or “harmfulness” means the potential for negative effect on human health or the environment giving equal weight to health and the environment, and particular attention to the most sensitive receptors.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in clause 2, be amended by adding after line 25 on page 5 the following:

““harm”, “harmful” or “harmfulness” means damage to human health or the environment, and includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, toxicity, endocrine disruption and modulation, carcinogenicity, developmental neurotoxicity, mutagenicity, teratogenicity, reproductive impacts, groundwater contamination, volatilization and persistence in soil, water, air or mammalian tissue.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 17 on page 6 with the following:

“gy, and its active ingredients and formulants, that is manufactured, represented,”

By unanimous consent the amendment was amended to read as follows:

“gy, its active ingredient, formulants and that is manufactured, represented,”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment. The result of the vote was announced: YEAS: 7
NAYS: 7. Whereupon the Chair voted in the affirmative.

Accordingly the amendment was agreed to.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 81

Monday, May 27, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests

WITNESSES:

Health Canada:

Claire Franklin, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency;

Geraldine Graham, Head, Regulatory Affairs, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs Division, Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

Department of Justice Canada:

Basil Stapleton, Legal Counsel.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 81

Monday, May 27, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, André Bachand, Diane Bourgeois, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Bob Speller, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Larry Bagnell, Paddy Torsney, Aileen Carroll, Alan Tonks for Reg Alcock, Claude Duplain, Diane St-Jacques, Tony Tirabassi for Brenda Chamberlain, Hedy Fry for Stan Dromisky, John Maloney for Yolande Thibeault, Howard Hilstrom for James Lunney, Bernard Bigras for Diane Bourgeois.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Justice: Basil Stapleton, Legal Counsel, *From the Department of Health:* Claire Franklin, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency; Geraldine Graham, Head, Regulatory Affairs, Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, Meeting No. 66*).

The Committee resumed Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Hedy Fry moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 19 on page 5, the following:

“formulant”

“formulant” means any component of a pest control product that is added intentionally to the product and that is not an active ingredient.

The question was put on the amendment and it was, by a show of hands, agreed to:

YEAS: 9	NAYS: 3
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By unanimous consent, Hedy Fry moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 2 be amended by adding the words “that consists of” after “gy” on line 17 of page 6.

The question was put on the amendment and it was, by a show of hands, agreed to

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YEAS: 9	NAYS: 3
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André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 28 on page 6 the following:

““pollution prevention” means the use of processes, practices, materials, products, substances or energy that avoid or minimize the creation of pollutants and waste and reduce the overall risk to the environment or human health.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 6
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André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 28 on page 6 the following:

““precautionary principle” means the principle whereby appropriate preventive measures are to be taken where there is reason to believe that a pest control product is likely to cause harm, even though there is no conclusive evidence to that effect.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 7
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Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 28 on page 6 the following:

““precautionary principle” means that appropriate preventive measures are to be taken where there is reason to believe that a pest control product is likely to cause harm, even when there is no conclusive evidence to prove a causal relationship between the pest control product and its effects.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 10
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Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 34 on page 6 the following:

““scientifically-based” includes regard for the precautionary principle.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 11
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Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 2 on page 7 the following:

““unacceptable risk” means that there has not been a demonstration, on a preponderance of evidence, that there is very low likelihood of harm to human health,

future generations or the environment.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 10
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Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 2, be amended by deleting line 9 on page 7.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 2	NAYS: 11
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Bernard Bigras moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 14 on page 7 with the following.

“benefits and social and economic impact but does exclude cosmetic considerations.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 2	NAYS: 11
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John Heron moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing lines 24 to 27 on page 7 with the following:

“4. (1) The primary objective of this Act is to protect human health and the environment from harm that may be caused by pest control products and to reduce the use of pest control products through the promotion of integrated pest management practices.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands negatived:

YEAS: 2	NAYS: 9
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Bernard Bigras moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing line 27 on page 7 with the following:

“ment from the use of pest control products, and to base all of his or her decisions on the precautionary principle.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 2	NAYS: 9
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Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 4, be amended by adding after line 27 on page 7 the following:

“(1.1) The Minister shall exercise the precautionary principle in every aspect of the administration of this Act.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment and it was negatived on the following recorded division:

Judy Wasylycia-Leis
Bernard Bigras
John Heron

Paddy Torsney
Jeannot Castonguay
Claude Duplain
Hedy Fry
Hélène Scherrer
Judy Sgro
Bob Speller
John Maloney
Rob Merrifield

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 9
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John Heron moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing lines 34 to 42 on page 7 and lines 1 to 7 on page 8 with the following:

“(b) exercise all powers under this Act in a manner that fulfills the objectives and ancillary objectives of this Act and applies the precautionary principle;

(c) apply the precautionary principle and promote and enforce pollution prevention approaches;

(d) reduce reliance on, risk of, harm from, and use of pest control products by promoting the development and implementation of ecosystem-oriented, sustainable and least toxic approaches to pest management within a framework of pollution prevention;

(e) encourage public awareness in relation to pest control products by facilitating public access to relevant information and public participation in the decision-making process;

(f) ensure that the applicant bears the onus of satisfying the Minister that its pest control product does not pose an unacceptable health or environmental risk and that its value is acceptable; and

(g) improve the environmental and economic sustainability of pest management systems, using the principles of integrated pest management.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 8
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At 5:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:20 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Reg Alcock moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing line 41 on page 7 with the following:

“(c) maintain a commitment to pollution prevention and the precautionary principle, by informing and educating the public about pest control products, the health and environmental risks associated with their use, the need to avoid non-essential uses and the availability of alternatives to the use of these products, and encourage public awareness in relation”

Hedy Fry moved, -- That the amendment be amended to read as follows:

That Bill C-53, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing line 42 on page 7 with the following:

“(c) encourage public awareness in relation to pest control products by informing the public and by facilitating”

After debate, the question being put on the sub-amendment, it was by a show of hands, adopted:

YEAS: 7	NAYS: 5
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After debate, the question being put on the amendment, as amended, it was by a show of hands, adopted:

YEAS: 8	NAYS: 3
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Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 4 be amended.

a) by replacing, in the English version, line 3 on page 8 with the following:

“process”

b) by replacing in the English version, line 7 on page 8 with the following:

“Canada; and”

c) by adding after line 7 on page 8 the following:

“(e) make every reasonable effort to facilitate access to minor use pest control products and to promote the harmonization of the standards for pest control products in effect in other member countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development with the standards established under this Act.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53 be amended by adding after line 7 on page 8 the following new clause:

“4.1 For greater certainty, protection and consideration afforded to children in this Act shall also extend to the foetus and human life at all stages of development.”

Hedy Fry moved, -- That the amendment be amended to read as follows:

“for greater certainty, protection and consideration afforded to children in this Act shall also extend to future generations”

After debate, the question being put on the sub-amendment, it was, by a show of hands, adopted:

YEAS: 7	NAYS: 5
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After debate, the question being put on the amendment, as amended it was, by a show of hands, adopted:

YEAS: 7	NAYS: 5
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André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53 be amended by adding after line 7 on page 8 the following new clause:

“4.2 For greater certainty, nothing in this Act shall be construed so as to abrogate or derogate from any existing aboriginal or treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada under section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing lines 9 to 11 on page 8 with the following:

“the Minister shall establish an advisory council of persons whose interests and concerns are affected by this Act, and shall specify the”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 6
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Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing line 17 on page 8 with the following:

“Minister, who shall place it in the Register and make it available to the public.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 5	NAYS: 6
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André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing lines 3 to 7 on page 10 with the following:

“registration shall include the following information on the active ingredients, the formulants and the interaction of the active ingredients and the formulants:

- (a) risks of harm to human health, including, but not limited to direct toxicity, carcinogenicity, impacts on reproduction and the endocrine system, mutagenicity and teratogenicity;
- (b) risks of harm to the environment, including, but not limited to direct impacts on plants and animals;
- (c) risks of harm to ecosystems and different life stages, including risks to individuals;
- (d) risks of harm to food products;
- (e) compliance with maximum permissible limits of hazardous products;
- (f) hazards associated with manufacture, transport, storage, handling or disposal of the pest control product;
- (g) whether the pest control product can or cannot be used in integrated pest management systems for specific crops;

- (h) the occurrence or potential occurrence of pest resistance to the pest control product and resistance management strategies;
- (i) whether the use of the pest control product forecloses other options that are less likely to cause harm;
- (j) the proposed post-registration self-monitoring program for the pest control product; and
- (k) any other information that may be prescribed.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 2	NAYS: 11
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Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 7, be amended by adding after line 7 on page 10 the following:

“(1.1) An application to register a pest control product shall include the following information on the active ingredient, the formulant and the interaction of the active ingredient and the formulant:

- (a) risks of harm to health, including toxicity, carcinogenicity, developmental neurotoxicity, endocrine disruption and modulation, reproductive impacts, mutagenicity and teratogenicity;
- (b) risks of harm to the environment, including direct impacts to plants, animals, including the most sensitive receptors and lifestages, ecosystems and secondary impacts, including food removal;
- (c) safety of use, manufacture, transport, storage, handling or disposal;
- (d) how the product can or cannot be used in integrated pest management systems for specific crops;
- (e) the occurrence or potential occurrence of pest resistance to the pest control product and resistance management strategies;
- (f) the occurrence or potential for occurrence of groundwater contamination, volatilization, persistence in soil, water, air and mammalian tissue; and
- (g) any other information which may be prescribed.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 10
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Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 7, be amended by adding after line 17 on page 10 the following:

“(2.1) For the purposes of subsection (1), the applicant may include information that is available from a review or evaluation of a pest control product conducted by the government of another member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development if the proposed use of the pest control product in

Canada would be under conditions similar to those under which the foreign review or evaluation was conducted.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, adopted:

YEAS: 9	NAYS: 3
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Hélène Scherrer moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 23 on page 10 with the following.

«ou les risques sanitaires ou environnemen-»

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, adopted:

YEAS: 12	NAYS: 0
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Hélène Scherrer moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing lines 25 to 27 on page 10 with the following:

the pest control product;

(b) expedite evaluations with respect to a pest control product that may reasonably be expected to pose lower health or environmental risks; and

(c) carry out any consultation required by section 28.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, adopted:

YEAS: 12	NAYS: 0
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André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 7, be amended by adding after line 27 on page 10 the following:

“(3.1) In conducting the evaluation pursuant to subsection (3), the Minister shall

(a) apply the precautionary principle with regards to the pest control product;

(b) assess and give weight not only to the mortality but also to the sublethal effects of the pest control product, including its effects in changing feeding behaviour, body weight, stress signals and reproductive performance;

(c) evaluate the active ingredients, the formulants and the effect of the interaction between the active ingredients and the formulants, in order to assess the risk of harm posed by the pest control product;

(d) consider the recommendation of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency as to whether there are less harmful but equally effective pest control products;

(e) consider the value of the pest control product;

(f) consider the information provided by the applicant in support of the application and may consider any

additional information, but shall give the applicant a reasonable opportunity to comment on the additional information before completing the evaluation;

(g) consider all relevant information from credible scientific or trade literature;

(h) consider the maximum residue limits of the pest control product;

(i) have regard to the primary objectives of this Act; and

(j) determine whether there is a need for the pest control product by comparing its use, value and efficacy with registered pest control products and with cultural or other non-chemical control measures.

(3.2) The applicant bears the burden of persuading the Minister that the risk and value of the pest control product are acceptable.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands negatived:

YEAS: 8	NAYS: 2
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André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing line 16 on page 11 with the following:

“(i) apply two separate, ten-fold margins of safety to”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 0	NAYS: 11
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Hedy Fry-moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 7, be amended by

(a) replacing lines 15 and 16 on page 11 with the following:

(b) in relation to health risks, if a decision referred to in paragraph 28(1)(a) or (b) is being made or has been made in relation to a pest control product,

(i) among other relevant factors, consider available information on aggregate exposure to the pest control product, namely dietary exposure and exposure from other non-occupational sources, including drinking water and use in and around homes and schools, and cumulative effects of the pest control product and other pest control products that have a common mechanism of toxicity,

(ii) apply appropriate margins of safety to

(b) replacing line 24 on page 11 with the following:

(iii) in the case of a threshold effect, if the

(c) replacing line 29 on page 11 with the following:

applicable under subparagraph (ii) in

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, adopted:

YEAS: 11	NAYS: 2
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André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing lines 22 and 23 on page 11 with the following:

“women, infants, children, women, seniors, the ill and those with environmental disabilities, and”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 2	NAYS: 6
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André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing lines 34 to 37 on page 11 with the following:

“toxicity to, infants and children.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 2	NAYS: 6
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André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing line 41 on page 11 with the following:

“government policy, meaning that

(a) no pest control product shall be registered or re-registered if it meets the criteria for a Track 1 substance, as defined in the Toxic Substances Management Policy;

(b) if a registered pest control product meets the criteria for Track 1 substances, its registration shall be immediately cancelled;

(c) if a pest control product contains a microcontaminant that meets the criteria of the Toxic Substances Management Policy at detectable levels, including unintentional by-products listed in Annex C of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the registration shall be immediately cancelled, or the product shall be withdrawn from the market, pending the creation of a new manufacturing process which eliminates the contaminant in question; and

(d) if a pest control product contains a formulant or active ingredient that has been designated as toxic under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, the registration shall be immediately cancelled, or in the case of a formulant, the formulation shall be amended within a reasonable period of time to omit the formulant in question.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 0	NAYS: 8
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Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing lines 43 to 46 on page 11 and

lines 1 to 3 on page 12 with the following:

“environmental risks of a pest control product are acceptable, the Minister may, in accordance with the regulations, if any, take into account information regarding the risks of other pest control products that are registered for the same use.

(9.1) In determining the value of a pest control product, the Minister shall consult with the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, and may, in accordance with the regulations, if any, take into account information regarding the value of other pest control products that are registered for the same use.

(10) For the purposes of subsections (9) and (9.1), the”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 8
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Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing line 45 on page 11 with the following:

“shall, in accordance with the regulations, if”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 8
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Howard Hilstrom moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 7, be amended by adding after line 2 on page 12 the following:

“(9.1) In evaluating an application to register a pest control product for a minor use or to amend the registration of a pest control product to add one or more minor uses, the Minister may waive the requirement to provide information referred to in subsection (1) if the Minister is of the opinion that such information is not necessary to assess the health and environmental risks poses by the minor use. The Minister shall make a determination in respect of an application of this nature as soon as possible and, in any case, no later than 12 months after the application was made.

“(9.2) For the purposes of subsection (9.1), the use of a pest control product shall be considered as a minor use of the Minister of Health, in consultation with the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, based on information provided by the applicant, has determined that the use would likely be so limited that there is insufficient economic incentive to support an application to register the product in accordance with subsection (1) and that

- (a) there are insufficient efficacious alternatives registered pest control products available for the use;
- (b) the alternatives to the pest control product pose greater risks to health or the environment; or
- (c) the pest control product plays or will play a significant part in managing pest resistance or in an integrated pest management program”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

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YEAS: 3	NAYS: 8
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Bernard Bigras moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 7, be amended by adding after line 7 on page 12 the following:

“(11) The Minister shall implement whatever measures are necessary to ensure that the review and evaluation of all new applications for the registration of organic pest control products are completed within one year from the date of submission.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 2	NAYS: 6
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Howard Hilstrom moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 7, be amended by adding after line 7 on page 12 the following:

“(11) Within one year after the coming into force of the Act, the Minister shall make regulations setting out time lines for the completion of registrations and amendments of registrations of pest control products.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 5	NAYS: 7
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At 8:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 82

Tuesday, May 28, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests

WITNESSES:

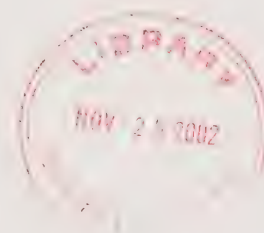
Health Canada:

Claire Franklin, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency;

Geraldine Graham, Head, Regulatory Affairs, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs Division, Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

Department of Justice Canada:

Basil Stapleton, Legal Counsel.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 82

Tuesday, May 28, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, André Bachand, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Bob Speller.

Acting Members present: Brent St-Denis for Reg Alcock, Bernard Bigras for Diane Bourgeois, Joe Comartin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Derek Lee for Stan Dromisky, Hedy Fry for Yolande Thibeault, Diane St-Jacques for Judy Sgro, John Heron for André Bachand.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Justice: Basil Stapleton, Legal Counsel. *From the Department of Health:* Claire Franklin, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency; Geraldine Graham, Head, Regulatory Affairs, Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, Meeting No. 66*).

The Committee resumed Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

On New Clause 7.1,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-53 be amended by adding after line 7 on page 12 the following new clause:

“7.1 (1) The Minister shall expedite the review of any application under subsection 7(1) that is in respect of a pest control product that may reasonably be expected to reduce health and environmental risks in one or more of the following ways:

(a) by reducing risks to human health;

(b) by reducing risks to non-target organisms; or

(c) by reducing the potential for contamination of ground water, surface water, or other valued environmental resources.

(2) The Minister shall adopt and implement policies that will encourage the development and utilization of integrated pest management strategies.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 4
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On New Clause 7.01,

André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53 be amended by adding after line 7 on page 12 the following new clause:

“7.01 (1) In this section, “reduced risk” shall be interpreted as referring to a pest control product that poses lower risk, as compared to conventional chemical, antimicrobial and biological pesticides currently used in comparable pest control contexts.

(2) The Minister may make regulations that provide for the expedited review of applications for registration, re-registration or amendment of pest control products that pose a reduced risk.

(3) An application for registration, re-registration or amendment may qualify for expedited review if the applicant provides to the Minister scientific test results and data, including field data, demonstrating that the use of the pest control product will accomplish one or more of the following:

(a) reduce risk of harm to human health or the environment;

(b) reduce risk to non-target organisms;

(c) reduce risk of contamination of the environment, including ground water and surface water;

(d) facilitate the adoption of integrated pest management strategies or make such strategies more available or more effective; or

(e) reduce reliance upon pest control products.

(4) If, after reviewing the application, the Minister determines that the application meets none of the criteria for reduced risk in subsection (3) above, the Minister shall refuse the request for expedited review.

(5) If, after reviewing the application, the Minister determines that the application meets one or more of the criteria for reduced risk set out in subsection (3) above and conforms with the requirements set out in any regulations made under subsection (2), and that the product complements the existing range of pest management options, the Minister shall register the product.

(6) Where possible, the Minister shall ensure that every application for registration under this section is completed within 12 months of receipt of the completed application.

(7) The Minister may extend the time limit set out in subsection (6) for a reasonable time as long as notification of any extension is provided to the applicant at the time the extension is granted.

(8) The Minister shall ensure that every notification provided under subsection (3) is filed with the Register.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 4	NAYS: 8
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On Clause 8,

Joe Comartin moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 8, be amended by replacing line 12 on page 12 with the following:

“have been completed, and there is no less harmful yet equally effective pest control product available, the Minister shall”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 4	NAYS: 7
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Joe Comartin moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 8, be amended by adding after line 28 on page 12 the following:

“(1.1) Within one year of the coming into force of this section, the Minister shall, utilizing public comment, develop procedures and guidelines, and expedite the review of an application for registration of a pest control product or of an amendment to a registration that satisfies such guidelines.

(1.2) Any application for registration or an amendment, including biological and conventional pest control products, will be considered for expedited review and such an application will qualify for expedited review if use of the pest control product proposed by the application may reasonably be expected to accomplish one or more of the following:

- (a) reduce the risks of pest control products to human health;
- (b) reduce the risks of pest control products to non-target organisms;
- (c) reduce the potential for contamination of ground water, surface water, or other valued environmental resources; and
- (d) broaden the adoption of pesticide risk reduction strategies or make such strategies more available or more effective.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 2	NAYS: 7
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André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 8, be amended by replacing lines 29 to 33 on page 12 with the following:

“(2) Every pest control product must carry a label indicating at least the following information in clear, easy to follow terminology:

- (a) the impact that the product may have on the health of humans and animals as well as the environmental

impact of the product;

(b) an indication, as prescribed of the impact of the product on organisms beneficial to agriculture, including but not limited to pollinators, pest predators and pest parasitoids;

(c) an indication of conditions and practices for mitigating any harmful impacts of the product on organisms beneficial to agriculture;

(d) in the case of pest control products which are prescribed as harmful to pollinating insects, a statement that the product may not be used for treating plants during the period in which pollination can take place;

(e) a complete list, with quantity or proportion by volume, of every active ingredient;

(f) a complete list, with quantity or proportion by volume, of every non-active ingredient in the product;

(g) a toll-free telephone number for further information regarding the product;

(h) poison control and treatment information;

(i) instructions for use, including instructions for use in an Integrated Pest Management system, and any other terms and conditions associated with the registration of the pest control product;

(j) a warning of the dangers of exceeding product concentration instructions;

(k) a statement that it may be an offence to disregard product use information;

(l) a statement that there may be provincial or municipal legislation or by-laws affecting the use or application of the product;

(m) a statement as to protective measures that are recommended or required as the case may be, including storage, prohibition on changing containers or packages, prohibitions on mixing products, protective apparel, removal of children and vulnerable persons from the vicinity, warnings to neighbours and dangers to pets and animals;

(n) a statement as to the particular target pests, the biological cycle to which the product is directed and the seasons or dates during which it is permitted to be used;

(o) an address or web site at which the consumer may obtain a copy of the registration application and associated studies from the registered manufacturer along with any associated review comments, terms and conditions issued by the Minister, free of charge or at nominal cost; and

(p) any other conditions relating to the label of a pest control product that the Minister may specify if he or she is satisfied that the purposes of this Act can be met by so doing.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

Joe Comartin moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 8, be amended by adding after line 5 on page 13 the following:

“(4.1) The Minister shall refuse to register a pest control product where there is a less harmful yet equally

effective registered alternative pest control product.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negated:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 10
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Joe Comartin moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 8, be amended by adding after line 5 on page 13 the following:

“(4.2) The Minister shall refuse to register a pest control product intended to be sold directly to consumers, or for lawn, garden or cosmetic use, unless the product is intended to replace a pest control product currently registered for that use and it is demonstrated by the applicant, on a preponderance of evidence, that the product poses a lower risk of harm to human health, future generations and the environment than that pest control product.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negated:

YEAS: 4	NAYS: 9
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Joe Comartin moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 8, be amended by adding after line 5 on page 13 the following:

“(4.3) Despite any other provision of this Act or any other Act of Parliament, after January 1, 2004, the Minister shall refuse to register a pest control product intended for lawn or garden use where the primary purpose of the pest control product is non-essential. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, “non-essential” means not intended for the protection of public health or for normal agricultural use.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negated:

YEAS: 2	NAYS: 10
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Joe Comartin moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 8, be amended by adding after line 5 on page 13 the following:

“(4.4) The Minister shall refuse to register a pest control product intended for use on parks, golf courses, sports fields or for other recreational use, unless the product is intended to replace a pest control product currently registered for that use and it is demonstrated by the applicant, on a preponderance of evidence, that the product poses a lower risk of harm to human health, future generations and the environment than that pest control product.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negated:

YEAS: 1	NAYS: 10
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Joe Comartin moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 8, be amended by adding after line 5 on page 13 the following:

“(4.5) Despite any other provision of this Act or any other Act of Parliament, after January 1, 2004, the Minister shall refuse to register a pest control product intended for use on parks, golf courses, sports fields or

other recreational lands where the primary purpose of the pest control product is non-essential. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, "non-essential" means "not intended for the protection of public health or for normal agricultural use".

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 0	NAYS: 9
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Joe Comartin moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 8, be amended by adding after line 12 on page 13 the following:

"(5.1) A registrant of a pest control product shall, as a condition of registration, monitor and report to the Minister on environmental fate and on any adverse effects of the product, in the form and manner directed by the Minister."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 1	NAYS: 9
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Clause 9 carried.

Clause 10 carried.

On Clause 11,

André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing lines 15 and 16 on page 14 with the following:

"(i) aggregate exposure of the most sensitive receptor to the pest control product and to its components, derivatives, active ingredients and formulants, namely dietary exposure and"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 8	NAYS: 12
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Reg Alcock moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 16 on page 14 with the following:

(i) l'exposition globale au produit antipara-

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, adopted:

YEAS: 9	NAYS: 2
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André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing lines 20 and 21 on page 14 with the following:

"(ii) cumulative effects on the most sensitive receptor of the pest control product and its components, derivatives, active ingredients and formulants, other pest control products and their components, derivatives,

active ingredients and fomulants, as well as other substances and their components, derivatives, active ingredients and formulants”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 8
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André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 11, be amended

(a) by replacing, in the English version, line 23 on page 14 with the following:

“toxicity,”

(b) by replacing lines 27 and 28 on page 14 with the following:

“infants, children, women, seniors, the ill and those with environmental disabilities, and

(iv) whether the pest control product and its components, derivatives, active ingredients or formulants have an effect that is similar to an effect produced by a naturally occurring estrogen or other endocrine effects; and”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 8
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Joe Comartin moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing line 27 on page 14 with the following:

“infants, children, women, seniors, the ill and those with environmental disabilities;”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 1	NAYS: 9
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Reg Alcock moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing line 33 on page 14 with the following:

graph 7(7)(b)(ii) or 19(2)(b)(ii) in respect of

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing lines 38 to 41 on page 14 with the following:

“children.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 0	NAYS: 8
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Clause 11 carried.

On Clause 12,

Joe Comartin moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 12, be amended by replacing line 7 on page 15 with the following:

"effects on human health and safety and the"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 10
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André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 12, be amended by adding after line 14 on page 15 the following:

"(3) Any person may, by delivering a notice in writing, request that the Minister require a registrant to compile information, conduct tests and monitor experience or report information and, when the Minister receives such a request, the Minister shall provide a decision on whether the request is accepted to the person in writing within a reasonable amount of time, having regard to the purposes of this Act."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 7
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Clause 12 carried.

On Clause 13,

André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 13, be amended by adding after line 22 on page 15 the following:

"(2) The Minister shall require a specific monitoring program when there is a reasonable suspicion of adverse effects on species listed by the Government of Canada or by the government of a province as being at risk. The location and number of monitoring studies will depend on the species or groups of species identified and on the types of eco-regions in which they occur. A monitoring study may focus on an indicator species expected to be sensitive, or a multi-species testing design could be introduced to consider the effects on the whole community.

(3) All registrants are required to participate in a post registration self-monitoring program. This program shall require that the registrant provide to the Minister, at the times and in the manner to be determined by the Minister at the time of registration, the following information:

(a) any new information which arises subsequent to registration relating to the harmfulness of the registered pest control product;

(b) without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any new information pertaining to the maximum permissible limits; and

(c) on no less than an annual basis, information on the use of the pest control product, including the crops on which the pest control product has been used, the average number of treatments per crop at a specified

application rate, and the total usage per crop.

(4) Any person may report information to the Minister respecting the harmfulness of any registered pest control product.

(5) The Minister shall consider any information reported under subsections (1) to (4).

(6) After considering information described in subsection (5), the Minister shall make that information available to the public.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 4
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Clause 13 carried.

On Clause 14,

André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing line 25 on page 15 with the following:

“shall determine whether a re-evaluation of”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 1	NAYS: 6
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Clause 14 carried.

At 1:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk
Clerk of the Committee

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 83

Tuesday, May 28, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests

WITNESSES:

Health Canada:

Claire Franklin, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency;

Geraldine Graham, Head, Regulatory Affairs, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs Division, Pest Management Regulatory Agency.





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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 83

Tuesday, May 28, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, André Bachand, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Bob Speller, Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Diane Bourgeois, Diane St-Jacques for Yolande Thibeault, Hedy Fry for Yolande Thibeault, Claude Duplain for Stan Dromisky.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Justice: Basil Stapleton, Legal Counsel. *From the Department of Health:* Claire Franklin, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency; Geraldine Graham, Head, Regulatory Affairs, Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, Meeting No. 66*).

The Committee resumed Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

At 3:49 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:02 p.m., the sitting resumed.

André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 15, be amended by replacing line 30 on page 15 with the following:

“make public his or her conclusions in the Register and shall make public those conclusions if in the.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived

YEAS: 0

NAYS: 8

André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 16, be amended by replacing lines 35 to 40 on page 15 and lines 1 and 2 on page 16 with the following:

“16. (1) The Minister shall initiate the re-evaluation of a registered pest control product

- (a) if the Minister considers that, since the product was registered, there has been a change in the information required, or the procedures used, for the evaluation of the health or environmental risks or the value of pest control products of the same class or kind;
- (b) where information provided pursuant to sections 12 and 13 indicates that the risk posed by the product may not be acceptable;
- (c) where information provided pursuant to sections 12 and 13 identifies that there may be less harmful yet equally effective registered pest control products;
- (d) where a pest control product registered in Canada has been banned or restricted in an Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development member country as a result of health or environmental concerns;
- (e) upon the discovery that data upon which a registration was issued is false, misleading, or incomplete;
- (f) where new information is provided that suggests a significant adverse risk;
- (g) where a lack of efficacy of the product is discovered;
- (h) where wildlife kills or impairment occur as a result of the product's use;
- (i) where the product becomes a public or worker health hazard;
- (j) where there is significant risk of an endocrine disruption; or
- (k) where there is no need for the product."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived.

YEAS: 2	NAYS: 10
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Bernard Bigras moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 16, be amended by replacing lines 35 to 40 on page 15 and lines 1 and 2 on page 16 with the following:

"16. (1) The Minister shall re-evaluate all pest control products registered prior to 1995."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived.

YEAS: 1	NAYS: 10
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Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 16, be amended by replacing lines 37 to 40 on page 15 and lines 1 and 2 on page 16 with the following:

"product if

- (a) the Minister considers that, since the product was registered, there has been a change in the information required, or the procedures used, for the evaluation of the health or environmental risks or

the value of pest control products of the same class or kind; or

(b) the information provided under section 12 or 13 identifies that there may be a less harmful yet equally effective registered alternative pest control product.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived.

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 8
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Bernard Bigras moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 16, be amended by replacing lines 5 to 19 on page 16 with the following:

“(a) the Minister shall ensure that all pest control products registered prior to 1995 are re-evaluated no later than December 31, 2006; and

(b) in the event that a pest control product has gone 15 years without being assessed, either through registration or special review, a re-evaluation by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency shall be required within one year.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

James Lunney
Bernard Bigras
Judy Wasylcia-Leis
André Bachand

Reg Alcock
Jeannot Castonguay
Brenda Chamberlain
Claude Duplain
Hélène Scherrer
Judy Sgro
Bob Speller
Hedy Fry
Rob Merrifield

YEAS : 4

NAYS: 9

André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 16, be amended

(a) by replacing, in the English version, line 11 on page 16 with the following:

“the most recent decision of that type;”

(b) by replacing lines 17 to 19 on page 16 with the following:

“later than April 1, 2005; and”

(c) by adding after line 19 on page 16 the following:

“(c) for greater certainty, all registrations shall be deemed to expire at the end of the term of registration, unless the applicant has applied for re-registration pursuant to the provisions of this Act to the Minister at least nine months prior to the expiration of the term of the registration, in the form and manner directed by the Minister, and has included any information or other thing that is required by

this Act or by the regulations to accompany it.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

James Lunney	Reg Alcock
Bernard Bigras	Jeannot Castonguay
Judy Wasylycia-Leis	Brenda Chamberlain
André Bachand	Claude Duplain
	Hélène Scherrer
	Judy Sgro
	Bob Speller
	Hedy Fry
	Rob Merrifield

YEAS : 4

NAYS : 9

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 84

Wednesday, May 29, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice Canada:

Basil Stapleton, Legal Counsel.

Health Canada:

Claire Franklin, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency;

Geraldine Graham, Head, Regulatory Affairs, Pest Management Regulatory Agency.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 84

Wednesday, May 29, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, André Bachand, Diane Bourgeois, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Bob Speller, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member(s) present: Peter Adams for Stan Dromisky, Bernard Bigras for Réal Ménard, Gérard Binet for Stan Dromisky, Hedy Fry for Yolande Thibeault, John Richardson for Brenda Chamberlain, Raymond Simard for Yolande Thibeault.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Justice: Basil Stapleton, Legal Counsel. *From the Department of Health:* Claire Franklin, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency; Geraldine Graham, Head, Regulatory Affairs, Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, Meeting No. 66*).

The Committee resumed Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

André Bachand moved, -- That Bill be amended by adding after line 7 on page 8 the following new clause:

“4.2 For greater certainty, nothing in this Act shall be construed so as to abrogate or derogate from the protection provided for existing aboriginal or treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada by the recognition and affirmation of those rights in section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived.

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 7
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André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 43, be amended by replacing lines 31 to 45 on page 33 and lines 1 to 4 on page 34 with the following:

“(5) For greater certainty, the names and concentrations of active ingredients, formulants and contaminants and the results of the tests to establish an active ingredient’s or product’s efficacy and harmlessness to humans, animals, plants and the environment are all deemed not to be confidential business information or confidential test data.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived.

YEAS: 2	NAYS: 9
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Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 42, be amended by adding after line 41 on page 31, the following:

“(4.1) A request for confidentiality may be made in writing but is shall be sustained only in relation to confidential business information subject to an overriding discretion to disclose confidential business information where the public interest outweighs the financial or competitive interests of the person requesting confidentiality.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived.

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 5
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Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 43, be amended by replacing lines 31 to 45 on page 33 and lines 1 to 4 on page 34 with the following:

“(5) For greater certainty, the following shall not be considered to be confidential business information:

- (a) the names and contents of active ingredients, of formulants, or of contaminants or the results of any tests to establish the efficacy of a substance or a product or its harmlessness to humans, animals, plants or the environment; and
- (b) information other than as listed in subsection (4) that must be provided in an application for registration or re-registration, re-evaluation or special review, or which must be reported or provided under section 7, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 22, 28, 33, 34, 35 or 41. “

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived.

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 7
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Hélène Scherrer moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 43, be amended by replacing lines 42 to 44 on page 33 with the following:

“of the formulants and contaminants in a pest control product, other than those”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, adopted.

YEAS: 7	NAYS: 0
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André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53 be amended by adding after line 21 on page 59 the following new clause:

“80.1 (1) Five years after the coming into force of this Act and every five years after that, a committee of the House of Commons, of the Senate or of both Houses of Parliament is to be designated or established for the purpose of reviewing this Act.

(2) The committee designated or established under subsection (1) shall, as soon as practicable, undertake a comprehensive review of the provisions and operation of this Act, especially as it relates to the primary objective of this Act, and shall submit a report to Parliament thereon, including a statement of any changes that the committee recommends to this Act or to its administration.”

Hedy Fry moved, -- That the amendment be amended by replacing the word “five” with the word “seven”.

After debate, the sub-amendment was withdrawn.

After further debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived.

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 7
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Hedy Fry moved, -- That Bill C-53 be amended by adding after line 21 on page 59 the following:

Permanent review of Act

80.1 (1) The administration of this Act shall, every 10 years after the day on which section 1 comes into force, stand referred to such committee of the House of Commons, of the Senate or of both Houses of Parliament as may be designated or established for that purpose.

Review and report

(2) The committee designated or established for the purpose of subsection (1) shall, as soon as practicable, undertake a comprehensive review of the provisions and operation of this Act and shall, within one year after the review is undertaken or within such further time as the House of Commons, the Senate or both Houses of Parliament, as the case may be, may authorize, submit a report to Parliament thereon, including a statement of any changes to this Act or its administration that the committee would recommend.

Bob Speller moved, -- That the amendment be amended by changing “10 years” to “7 years”.

After debate the sub-amendment was, by a show of hands, agreed to.

YEAS: 10	NAYS: 1
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After further debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by recorded division:

Jeannot Castonguay
Gérard Binet
Hélène Scherrer
Judy Sgro
Bob Speller
Hedy Fry

Reg Alcock
John Richardson
Rob Merrifield
Carol Skelton
Réal Ménard
Judy Wasylycia-Leis
André Bachand

YEAS: 6	NAYS: 7
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Rob Merrifield moved, -- That the amendment be amended by removing the words “of the Senate or of both Houses of Parliament.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, the results of the vote were announced:

Reg Alcock	Jeannot Castonguay
John Richardson	Gérard Binet
Rob Merrifield	Hélène Scherrer
Carol Skelton	Judy Sgro
Réal Ménard	Bob Speller
Judy Wasylycia-Leis Leis	Hedy Fry

YEAS: 6	NAYS: 6
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Whereupon the Chair voted in the affirmative. Accordingly the sub-amendment was agreed to

After further debate, the main amendment was agreed to on the following recorded division:

Reg Alcock	Jeannot Castonguay
John Richardson	Gérard Binet
Rob Merrifield	Hélène Scherrer
Carol Skelton	Judy Sgro
Yves Ménard	Bob Speller
Judy Wasylycia-Leis	Hedy Fry
André Bachand	

YEAS: 7	NAYS: 6
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André Bachand moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 8, be amended by replacing lines 29 to 33 on page 12 with the following:

“(2) Every pest control product must carry a label indicating at least the following information in clear, easy to follow terminology:

- (a) the impact that the product may have on the health of humans and animals as well as the environmental impact of the product;
- (b) an indication, as prescribed of the impact of the product on organisms beneficial to agriculture, including but not limited to pollinators, pest predators and pest parasitoids;
- (c) an indication of conditions and practices for mitigating any harmful impacts of the product on organisms beneficial to agriculture;
- (d) in the case of pest control products which are prescribed as harmful to pollinating insects, a statement that the product may not be used for treating plants during the period in which pollination can take place;
- (e) a complete list, with quantity or proportion by volume, of every active ingredient;
- (f) a complete list, with quantity or proportion by volume, of every non-active ingredient in the product;
- (g) a toll-free telephone number for further information regarding the product;

- (h) poison control and treatment information;
- (i) instructions for use, including instructions for use in an Integrated Pest Management system, and any other terms and conditions associated with the registration of the pest control product;
- (j) a warning of the dangers of exceeding product concentration instructions;
- (k) a statement that it may be an offence to disregard product use information;
- (l) a statement that there may be provincial or municipal legislation or by-laws affecting the use or application of the product;
- (m) a statement as to protective measures that are recommended or required as the case may be, including storage, prohibition on changing containers or packages, prohibitions on mixing products, protective apparel, removal of children and vulnerable persons from the vicinity, warnings to neighbours and dangers to pets and animals;
- (n) a statement as to the particular target pests, the biological cycle to which the product is directed and the seasons or dates during which it is permitted to be used;
- (o) an address or web site at which the consumer may obtain a copy of the registration application and associated studies from the registered manufacturer along with any associated review comments, terms and conditions issued by the Minister, free of charge or at nominal cost; and
- (p) any other conditions relating to the label of a pest control product that the Minister may specify if he or she is satisfied that the purposes of the Act can be met by so doing."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived

YEAS: 2	NAYS: 10
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Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 8, be amended by replacing lines 37 and 38 on page 12 with the following:

"product safety information, including workplace labels and material safety data sheets for the product that conform to the standard set out in the *Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System*, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 860 as amended by O. Reg. 36/93, to be"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived

YEAS: 1	NAYS: 10
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Hedy Fry moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 17 on page 6 with the following:

« gy that consists of an active ingredient, formulants and contaminants, and that is manufactured, represented, »

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, agreed to:

YEAS: 10	NAYS: 0
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Rob Merrifield moved – That the Bill C-53, in clause 16, be amended by adding after line 17 on page 17 the following:

“(7) Within one year after the coming into force of this Act, the Minister shall make regulations setting out time lines for the completion of revaluations and special reviews of pest control products.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, negatived on recorded division

Rob Merrifield
Carol Skelton
Réal Ménard
Judy Wasylycia-Leis
André Bachand

Reg Alcock
Jeannot Castonguay
John Richardson
Gérard Binet
Hélène Sherrer
Judy Sgro
Bob Speller
Hedy Fry

YEAS: 5	NAYS: 8
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12-Clause 16 carried on the following recorded division:

Reg Alcock
Jeannot Castonguay
John Richardson
Gérard Binet
Hélène Scherrer
Judy Sgro
Bob Speller
Hedy Fry

Rob Merrifield
Carol Skelton
Réal Ménard
Judy Wasylycia-Leis
André Bachand

YEAS: 8	NAYS: 5
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Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 17, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 26 on page 17 with the following:

“Development prohibits any use of an active”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived

YEAS: 1	NAYS: 10
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Clause 17 carried on division

Clause 18 carried

Judy Sgro moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing line 33 on page 14 with the following:

graph 7 (7) (b) (ii) or 19 (2) (b) (ii) in respect of

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, agreed to:

YEAS: 7	NAYS: 0
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Judy Sgro moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 19, be amended by

(a) replacing line 28 on page 19 with the following:

(i) among other relevant factors, consider available information on aggregate exposure to the pest control product, namely dietary exposure and exposure from other non-occupational sources, including drinking water and use in and around homes and schools, and cumulative effects of the pest control product and other pest control products that have a common mechanism of toxicity,

(ii) apply appropriate margins of safety to

(b) replacing line 36 on page 19 with the following:

(iii) in the case of a threshold effect, if the

(c) replacing line 41 on page 19 with the following:

under subparagraph (ii) in respect of that

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, agreed to:

YEAS: 8	NAYS: 0
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Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 19, be amended by replacing lines 9 to 15 on page 20 with the following:

“environmental risks of a pest control product are acceptable, the Minister may, in accordance with the regulations, if any, take into account information regarding the risks of other pest control products that are registered for the same use

(4.1) In determining the value of a pest control product, the Minister shall consult with the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, and may, in accordance with the regulations, if any take into account information regarding the value of other pest control products that are registered for the same use.

(5) For the purposes of subsections (4) and (4.1), the”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

Rob Merrifield
Carol Skelton
Réal Ménard
Judy Wasylycia-Leis
André Bachand

Reg Alcock
Jeannot Castonguay
John Richardson
Gérard Binet
Hélène Scherrer
Judy Sgro
Bob Speller

Raymond Simard

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 8

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 19, be amended by replacing line 11 on page 20 with the following:

“shall, in accordance with the regulations, if “

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 8

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-53 be amended by adding after line 21 on page 20 the following new clause:

“19.1 (1) The Minister shall expedite any evaluation referred to in subsection 19(1) that is in respect of a pest control product that may reasonably be expected to reduce health and environmental risks in one or more of the following ways:

- (a) by reducing risks to human health;
- (b) by reducing risks to non-target organisms; or
- (c) by reducing the potential for contamination of ground water, surface water, or other valued environmental resources.

(2) The Minister shall adopt and implement policies that will encourage the development and utilization of integrated pest management strategies.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 6

Clause 19 carried.

Bernard Bigras moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 20, be amended by replacing lines 35 to 40 on page 20 with the following:

“(2) Where there is reason to believe that a pest control product is likely to cause harm, even when there is no conclusive evidence to prove a causal relation between the product and its effects, appropriate preventive measures must be taken.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 6

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 20, be amended by adding after line 9 on page 21 the following:

“(5) The registration of a pest control product shall be cancelled if the re-evaluation process has not been not completed within five years from its commencement.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 7
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Clause 20 carried.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 21, be amended by replacing line 14 on page 21 with the following:

“have been completed and there is no less harmful yet equally effective pest control product available, the Minister shall”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 7
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Clause 21 carried.

Clause 22 carried.

Raymond Simard moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 23, be amended by

(a) replacing line 21 on page 22 with the following:

23. (1) If a registrant fails to pay a fee, fine,

(b) adding after line 28 on page 22 the following:

(2) Before taking any action under subsection (1) in relation to charges or costs, the Minister shall give the registrant a reasonable opportunity to make representations.

(3) The Minister shall immediately give written notice to the registrant of any action taken under subsection (1) and of the reasons for the action.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, adopted:

YEAS: 8	NAYS: 0
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Clause 23 carried.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing lines 29 and 30 on page 22 with the following:

“24. The Minister may amend the registra-“

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 2	NAYS: 8
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Clause 24 carried.

Clause 25 carried.

Clause 26 carried.

Clause 27 carried.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 28, be amended by replacing lines 31 and 32 on page 23 with the following:

“of the registration may result in increased health or environmental”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 2	NAYS: 6
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Clause 28 carried.

Bernard Bigras moved, -- That Bill C-53 be amended by adding after line 23 on page 24 the following new clause:

“**28.1** The Pest Management Regulatory Agency shall, soon as is reasonably practical, conduct a thorough study to examine all alternatives to the use of non-organic pest control products. This study shall be completed and made available to the public within one year after the coming into force of the Act. “

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 2	NAYS: 5
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Clause 29 carried.

Clause 30 carried.

Clause 31 carried.

Clause 32 carried.

Clause 33 carried.

Clause 34 carried.

Clause 35 carried.

Clause 36 carried.

Clause 37 carried.

Clause 38 carried.

Clause 39 carried.

Clause 40 carried.

Jeannot Castonguay moved, That Bill C-53, in Clause 41, be amended by replacing line 22 on page 29 with the following:

(3) The Minister shall suspend an authoriza-

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, adopted:

YEAS: 10	NAYS: 0
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Clause 41 carried.

Bernard Bigras moved, That Bill C-53, in Clause 42, be amended by adding after line 19 on page 32 the following:

“(c.1) a comprehensive data base on alternatives to the use of non-organic pest control products compiled in collaboration with the provincial and territorial governments;”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 6
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Clause 42 carried.

Judy Wasylcia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, be amended by adding after line 27 on page 32 the following new clause:

“42.1 The public shall be consulted as to policies, guidelines and codes of practice relating to the regulation of pest control products.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 2	NAYS: 7
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New Clause 42.1 carried.

Bob Speller moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 43, be amended by

(a) replacing lines 36 and 37 on page 32 with the following;

for oaths or for taking affidavits, stating

(i) the purpose of the inspection, and

(ii) that the person does not intend to use the test data, or make the test data available to others, in order to register a pest control product in Canada or elsewhere or to amend a registration.

(b) adding after line 4 on page 33 the following:

(2.1) If the Minister permits a person to inspect confidential test data in the register, the Minister shall make a reasonable effort to immediately notify any registrant who provided the data that the Minister has permitted a person to inspect the data.

(c) adding the following after line 28 on page 34:

(9) Every person who makes a false statement in an affidavit or a statutory declaration referred to in subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and liable

(a) on summary conviction, to a fine of not more than \$2000,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than six months, or to both; or

(b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine of not more than \$500,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than three years, or to both.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, adopted:

YEAS: 7	NAYS: 0
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Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 43, be amended

(a) by replacing, in the English version, line 44 on page 32 with the following:

“to amend a registration;”

(b) by replacing, in the English version, line 4 on page 33 with the following:

“amending a registration; or”

(c) by adding after line 4 on page 33 the following:

“(c) cause the test data to be accessible to any business or other entity engaged in the production, sale or distribution of pest control products.”

After debate, the motion was withdrawn

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 43, be amended by replacing lines 5 to 15 on page 34 with the following:

“(6) In determining whether the designated information meets the requirements of subsection (4) or (5), the Minister may reject the designation of the information, or any part thereof, as confidential business information, if

(a) disclosing the information would be in the public interest as it relates to human health, public safety or the protection of the environment; and

(b) the benefit to the public interest in disclosing the information clearly outweighs in importance the effect on the person who provided the information, in terms of any financial loss suffered by that person, prejudice to that person’s competitive position or interference with the contractual or other negotiations of that person.

(7) Where the Minister intends to disclose any designated information, or any part thereof, that contains or that the Minister has reason to believe might contain

- (a) trade secrets of a third party;
- (b) financial, commercial, scientific or technical information that is provided to the Minister on a confidential basis and is treated consistently in a confidential manner by the person who provided the information;
- (c) information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to result in material financial loss or gain to, or could reasonably be expected to prejudice the competitive position of, the person who provided the information; or
- (d) information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with contractual or other negotiations of the person who provided the information;

the Minister shall, subject to subsection (7.1), make every reasonable effort to give written notice to the person who provided the information of the fact that the Minister intends to disclose the designated information or part thereof.

(7.1) Any person to whom a notice is required to be given under subsection (7) in respect of an intended disclosure may waive the requirement, and where the person has consented to the disclosure the person shall be deemed to have waived the requirement.

(7.2) A notice under subsection (7) shall include

- (a) a statement that the Minister intends to disclose information designated as confidential business information;
- (b) a description of the designated information or part that was provided by the person to whom the notice is given; and
- (c) a statement that the person who provided the designated information may, within twenty days after the notice is given, make representations to the Minister as to why the designated information or part thereof should not be disclosed.

(7.3) Where a notice is given by the Minister under subsection (7) to the person who provided the designated information or a part thereof,

- (a) that person shall be given the opportunity to make representation to the Minister within twenty days after the notice is given as to why the designated information or the part thereof should not be disclosed; and
- (b) the Minister shall, within thirty days after the notice is given, make a decision as to whether or not to disclose the designated information or the part thereof and give written notice of the decision to the person who provided the designated information.

(7.4) Any representation referred to in paragraph (7.3) (a) shall be made in writing unless the Minister permits it to be made orally.

(7.5) Where the Minister finds that the disclosure of information described in subsection (7) is necessary to avoid or lessen an imminent and substantial risk to human health, public safety or the environment, the Minister may set a shorter period of notice of no less than ten days and may give the notice in any manner that the Minister finds appropriate. During that period, the person who provided the designated information may institute an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin or to limit the extent of the proposed disclosure. The court may enjoin disclosure or limit the extent of the disclosure or the parties to whom disclosure may be made if

- (a) the proposed disclosure is not required to protect against an unreasonable risk to human health, public safety or the environment; or
- (b) the public interest in the disclosure of the information does not outweigh the interests in preserving the confidentiality of the information.

(7.6) A notice given under paragraph (7.3) (b) of a decision to disclose designated confidential business information or a part thereof under this Act shall include a statement that the person who provided the designated information is entitled to request a review of the decision by the Federal Court, under section 44 of the *Access to Information Act*, within twenty days after the notice is given.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived.

YEAS: 1	NAYS: 7
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Clause 43 carried.

Clause 44 carried.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, be amended by adding after line 15 on page 36 the following new clause:

“44.1 Every pest control product must carry a label indicating the following information:

- (a) the name of every active ingredient, with quantity or proportion by volume;
- (b) the name of every formulant, with quantity or proportion by volume;
- (c) the name of every contaminant, with quantity or proportion by volume;
- (d) a toll-free telephone number for additional product information, including label translation into languages other than English and French;
- (e) poison control and treatment information, including instructions for use and for associated integrated pest management, together with any other terms and conditions regarding use associated with the registration of the product, in clear, easy to follow terms;
- (f) a warning in respect of the dangers of exceeding product concentration instructions;
- (g) a statement that it may be an offence to disregard product use information;
- (h) a statement that there may be provincial or municipal legislation or by-laws affecting the use or

application of the product;

- (i) a statement as to protective measures that are recommended or required, as the case may be, including storage, prohibition on changing containers or packages, prohibitions on mixing products, protective apparel, removal of children and vulnerable persons from the vicinity, warnings to neighbours and dangers to pets and animals;
- (j) a statement as to the particular target pest, the biological cycle to which the product is directed and the seasons or dates during which it is permitted to be used; and
- (k) an address or web site at which the consumer may obtain a copy of the registration, of the application and of any studies relating to the product.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 7
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Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, be amended by adding after line 15 on page 36 the following new clause:

“44.4 The Minister shall conduct regional total diet studies biannually with specific additional research into the consumption patterns of infants and children and shall use the information from such studies to develop better monitoring methods and more intensive investigations of residue data on foods eaten by infants and children.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 6
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Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53 be amended by adding after line 15 on page 36 the following new clause:

“44.5 In making any determination under this Act, the Minister shall ensure that there is a reasonable certainty that no harm will result to infants and children from aggregate exposure to the pest control product, including taking into account potential pre-natal and post-natal toxicity of the pest control product to infants and children.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 3	NAYS: 8
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Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53 be amended by adding after line 15 on page 36 the following new clause:

“44.6 The Minister shall establish Pesticide Use Reduction Plans by sector, with numerical pest control reduction targets and dates.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 1	NAYS: 8
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Clause 45 carried.

Clause 46 carried.

Clause 47 carried.

Clause 48 carried.

Clause 49 carried.

Clause 50 carried.

Clause 51 carried.

Clause 52 carried.

Clause 53 carried.

Clause 54 carried.

Clause 55 carried.

Clause 56 carried.

Clause 57 carried.

Clause 58 carried.

Clause 59 carried.

Clause 60 carried.

Clause 61 carried.

Clause 62 carried.

Clause 63 carried.

Clause 64 carried.

Clause 65 carried.

Clause 66 carried.

Bob Speller moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 67, be amended by adding after line 30 on page 50 the following:

(f.1) respecting minor uses of a pest control product and defining “minor use” for the purposes of this Act and the regulations;

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, adopted:

YEAS: 7	NAYS: 2
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Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-53, in clause 67, be amended by adding after, line 32 on page 50 the following:

(g.1) respecting timelines for the registration, re-evaluation and special review of pest control products;

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 1	NAYS: 8
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Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 67, be amended by replacing lines 1 to 5 on page 53 with the following:

“(2) Regulations made under subsection (1) may incorporate by reference standards or other documents, as amended to a certain date or as amended from time to time, that are produced by

- (a) a government, government agency or international body, whether within or outside Canada;
- (b) an organization established for the purpose of writing standards, including an organization accredited by the Standards Council of Canada or
- (c) an industrial or trade organization.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 1	NAYS: 8
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Clause 67 carried as amended.

Clause 68 carried.

Clause 69 carried.

Clause 70 carried.

Clause 71 carried.

Clause 72 carried.

Clause 73 carried.

Clause 74 carried.

Clause 75 carried.

Clause 76 carried.

Clause 77 carried.

Clause 78 carried.

Clause 79 carried.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 80, be amended by replacing line 7 on page 59 with the following:

“of Parliament a report on the administration, performance”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived.

YEAS: 2	NAYS: 7
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Bob Speller moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 80, be amended by replacing line 12 on page 59 with the following:

- (a) a status report respecting registrations, including the registration of pest control products that pose lower risks, re-evaluations.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, adopted.

YEAS: 5	NAYS: 1
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Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-53, in Clause 80, be amended

- (a) by replacing, in the English version, line 15 on page 59 with the following:

“the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1985;”

- (b) by adding after line 21 on page 59 the following:

“(c) in consultation with any other individual or organization deemed relevant by the Minister, a report on the general progress toward reduced reliance on pest control products including the development and implementation of strategies such as integrated pest management; and

- (d) a report describing the activities of the advisory council established under subsection 5(1).”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived.

YEAS: 1	NAYS: 6
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Clause 80 carried as amended.

Clause 80.1 carried.

Clause 81 carried.

Clause 82 carried.

Clause 83 carried.

Clause 84 carried.

Clause 85 carried.

Clause 86 carried.

Clause 87 carried.

Clause 88 carried.

Clause 89 carried.

Clause 90 carried.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-53, in the Preamble, be amended by adding after line 20 on page 1 the following:

“WHEREAS it is recognized that the use of pest control products has been beneficial to human health in many respects, that there is a need for timely access to safe and effective pest control products and that the use of safe and effective pest control products is essential for Canada to maintain a competitive position in the fields of agriculture, forestry and other resource sectors and in manufacturing;

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, negatived on the following recorded division:

Rob Merrifield

Reg Alcock

Jeannot Castonguay

Peter Adams

John Richardson

Hélène Scherrer

Judy Sgro

Bob Speller

Raymond Simard

Bernard Bigras

Judy Wasylycia-Leis

André Bachand

YEAS: 1	NAYS: 11
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Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-53, in the Preamble, be amended by replacing lines 35 and 36 on page 2 with the following:

“encouraging the development and use of alternative, non-toxic, ecological pest control approaches, strategies and products.”

Hedy Fry moved, -- That the amendment be amended by replacing line 36 on page 2 with the following:

that pose lower risks, and encouraging the development and use of alternative, non-toxic, ecological pest control approaches, strategies and products

After debate, the question being put on the sub-amendment, it was, by a show of hands, adopted.

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After debate, the question being put on the main amendment, it was, by a show of hands, adopted.

YEAS: 8	NAYS: 0
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Clause 2 carried

The title carried.

The Bill carried

ORDERED, -- That the Chair report Bill C-53 with amendments to the House.

ORDERED, -- That Bill C-53, An Act to protect human health and safety and the environment by regulating products used for the control of pests, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House of Commons.

At 7:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 85

Thursday, May 30, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-56, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Health Canada:

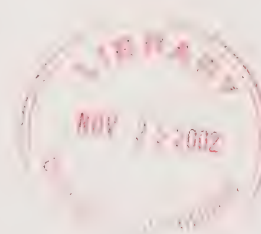
Lise Lavoie, Senior Policy Analyst, Special Projects Division, Health Policy and
Communications Branch;

Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister;

Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate.

Department of Justice Canada:

Glen Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel.





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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 85

Thursday, May 30, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, André Bachand, Diane Bourgeois, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Hedy Fry for Bob Speller.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Health: Lise Lavoie, Senior Policy Analyst, Special Projects Division, Health Policy and Communications Branch; Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch; Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate, *From the Department of Justice:* Glenn Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel.

The Order of Reference dated Tuesday, May 28, 2002, being now read as follows:

ORDERED, -- That Bill C-56, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Health.

The Chair called Clause 1.

Ian Shugart made a statement and with Caroline Weber, Glenn Rivard and Lise Lavoie answered questions.

At 1:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 86

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-56, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Health Canada:

Lise Lavoie, Senior Policy Analyst, Special Projects Division, Health and Policy
Communications Branch;

Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Special Projects Division, Health Policy and
Communications Branch;

Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate.

Justice Canada:

Glen Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 86

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 12:04 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Jason Kenny for Carol Skelton.

Other Member present: Paul Szabo.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Health: Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate; Lise Lavoie, Senior Policy Analyst, Special Projects Division, Health Policy and Communications Branch; Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch, Special Projects Division. *From the Department of Justice:* Glenn Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-56, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, May 30, 2002, Meeting No. 85*).

Caroline Weber made a statement, and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 87

Thursday, June 6, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-56, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction

Future Business





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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 87

Thursday, June 6, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

Other Member present: Paul Szabo

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-56, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, May 30, 2002, Meeting No. 85*).

The Committee discussed its future business.

Jeannot Castonguay moved, -- That the Committee make every effort to hear a sufficient number of witnesses on the subjects identified where there is a difference between the Bill and the Committee's report, with a view to proceeding to Clause-by-Clause Consideration.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was, by a show of hands, adopted: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 3

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 88

Tuesday, June 11, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-56, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Health Canada:

Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch,
Special Projects Division;

Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch.

Justice Canada:

Glen Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel.

Office of the Auditor General:

Maria Barrados, Assistant Auditor General;

Alan Gilmore, Principal.

As Individual:

Gerald Chipeur.





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Meeting No. 88

Tuesday, June 11, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Members present: Hedy Fry for Bob Speller, Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Stan Dromisky, Paul Szabo for Stan Dromisky.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Auditor General: Maria Barrados, Assistant Auditor General; Alan Gilmore, Principal. *From the Department of Health:* Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch; Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate; Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch, Special Projects Division. *From the Department of Justice:* Glenn Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel. *As Individual:* Gerald Chipeur, Lawyer.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-56, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, May 30, 2002, Meeting No. 85*).

Maria Barrados made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

By unanimous consent it was agreed, -- That the Committee approve the proposed operational budget of \$29,500.00 in respect of the Committee's consideration of Bill C-56, and that the Chair be authorized to present it to the Liaison Committee for its approval.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 89

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-56, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Health Canada Advisory Committee on Reproductive and Genetic Technologies:

Phyllis Creighton, Member.

London Health Sciences Centre:

Jean Haase, Social Worker, Infertility Clinic.

New Reproductive Alternatives Society:

Shirley Pratten, Founding Member.

Public Interest Advocacy Centre:

Kathleen Priestman, Research Analyst.

Sunnybrook and Women's College Hospital Health Sciences Centre:

Clifford Librach, Doctor and Fertility Specialist, Department of Obstetrics and
Gynaecology.



University of Calgary:

Juliet Guichon, Senior Researcher, Office of Medical Bioethics, Faculty of Medicine.

Xytex Canada Inc.:

Heather Brooks, Services Coordinator.



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Meeting No. 89

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Members present: Hedy Fry for Bob Speller, Paul Szabo for Stan Dromisky.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Sunnybrook and Women's College Hospital Health Sciences Centre: Clifford Librach MD, FRCS(C), FACOG(REI), Fertility Specialist, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. *From the Health Canada Advisory Committee on Reproductive and Genetic Technologies:* Phyllis Creighton, Member. *From the London Health Sciences Centre:* Jean M. Haase, Social Worker, Infertility Clinic. *From the New Reproductive Alternatives Society:* Shirley Pratten, Founding Member. *From the Public Interest Advocacy Centre:* Kathleen Priestman, Research Analyst. *From the University of Calgary:* Juliet Guichon, Senior Researcher. *From Xytex Canada Inc.:* Heather Brooks, R.N..

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-56, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, May 30, 2002, Meeting No. 85*).

The witnesses each made a statement, and answered questions.

At 5:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 90

Thursday, June 13, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-56, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Campaign Life Coalition:

Mary Ellen Douglas, National Organizer;

Karen Murawsky, Director of Public Affairs.

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops:

Terence Prendergast, Archbishop of Halifax;

Noël Simard, Professor of Ethics, St. Paul University.

Evangelical Fellowship of Canada:

Bruce Clemenger, Director, Centre for Faith and Public Life.

As Individuals:

Madeline Boscoe;

Abby Lippman;

Suzanne Scorsone.





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Meeting No. 90

Thursday, June 13, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:37 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Reg Alcock, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Members present: Hedy Fry for Bob Speller, Paul Szabo for Stan Dromisky.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: As Individual: Suzanne Scorsone, Former member of the Royal Commission on Reproductive Technology. *From the Campaign Life Coalition:* Karen Murawsky, Director of Public Affairs. *From the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops:* Terence Prendergast, Archbishop of Halifax; Noël Simard, Professor of Ethics, St.Paul University. *From the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (The):* Bruce Clemenger, Director, Centre for Faith and Public Life. *As Individual:* Abby Lippman, Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McGill University; Madeline Boscoe, Canadian Women's Health Network.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-56, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, May 30, 2002, Meeting No. 85*).

The witnesses each made a statement, and answered questions.

At 1:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Committee

